

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON PCRA  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the annual expenditure on the PCRA ((Petroleum Conservation Research Association);
- (b) whether the PCRA has not been effective in curbing the wasteful use of petrol by vehicles;
- (c) whether the Government propose to wound up the PCRA in the interest of saving funds;
- (d) if not, the new strategies other than advertisements would be adopted to save petrol in the country;
- (e) whether PCRA would be merged with other institutions; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

Minister of state in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (SHR SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) The annual expenditure on PCRA during 2001-02 was Rs. 2027.42 lacs.
- (b) PCRA, since its inception, has been effective in propogating measures to curb the wasteful use of petrol and petroleum products.
- (c) As on date there is no such proposal as such.
- (d) Apart from advertisements, PCRA carries out a large number of field activities including Energy Audits, Driver Training Programmes, Emission Awareness Programmes, Lift Irrigation Pumps Demonstration Centers, Replacement/Rectifications, Seminars and Consumer Meets, Workshops and Clinics, Institutional Training Programmes, Youth Programmes, Promotional Schemes and Soft Loan Schemes, various R&D Activities and R&D Projects, publishing Technical Literature, Conservation Newsletter and Quarterly Journal 'Active Conservation Techniques (ACT)', Radio Programme on the history & development of petroleum sector etc.
- (e)to(f) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.