

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

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SUPPLY OF DIESEL/PETROL TO FARMERS AT CONCESSIONAL RATES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to supply diesel/petrol to the farmers at concessional rates;
- (b) if so, the scheme formulated by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have any data regarding consumption of diesel/petrol by farmers; and
- (d) if so, the quantum of diesel/petrol sanctioned and consumed by the farmers during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d): The estimated sales of diesel to agriculture sector during the period 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 was as follows:

(Figurs in TMT #)

Year	Estimated Sales
1999-2000	7592
2000-2001	7497
2001-2002	7227

(# thousand metric tonne)

Petrol is pre-dominantly used in automobiles, which are used other than in agriculture.