

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:173

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TAXES ON PETROL/ DIESEL

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in some States the petrol and diesel prices are much higher than the average prevalent prices in the country even prior to the Government's decision to raise the prices in the month of June this year;

(b) if so, the comparative prices in different States;

(c) whether the Union Government has appealed to the State Governments to absorb part of the increase petrol/diesel prices by curtailing the Sales Tax imposed thereon; and

(d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.173 by Sarvashri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Hansraj G. Ahir to be answered on 3rd August, 2006 regarding Taxes on petrol/diesel.

(a): Yes, Sir. The retail selling prices of petrol and diesel differ from State to State on account of variation in rate of sales tax, State-specific irrecoverable taxes, freight charges depending upon distance of depot from refinery and delivery charges from depot to retail pump outlet, etc.

(b): The retail selling prices of petrol and diesel at state capitals are given below :

Retail Selling Prices of Petrol and Diesel
(Rs./Litre)

State Capital State Petrol Diesel

Mumbai	Maharashtra	52.71	39.68
Delhi	UT Delhi	46.85	32.25
Chennai	Tamil Nadu	51.83	35.51
Kolkata	West Bengal	51.07	34.96
Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	51.33	37.87
Gandhinagar	Gujarat	52.06	37.50
Panjim	Goa	48.44	35.35
Raipur	Chhatisgarh	48.97	36.35
Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	50.63	35.83
Shimla	Himachal Pradesh	48.85	33.13
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	48.14	32.62
Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir	50.13	33.93
Dehradun	Uttaranchal	48.75	34.86
Jaipur	Rajasthan	50.76	35.21
Ambala	Haryana	46.80	32.33
Jalandhar	Punjab	52.13	32.21
Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh	53.28	36.00
Trivandrum	Kerala	50.34	35.94
Bangalore	Karnataka	55.15	37.51
Pondicherry	Pondicherry	45.78	33.81
Ranchi	Jharkhand	47.98	35.15
Patna	Bihar	50.73	35.12
Bhubaneswar	Orissa	48.61	35.67
Guwahati	Assam	49.71	33.44

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Based on the request made to the State Governments to forego the incremental sales tax on the price increase of petrol and diesel for moderating its impact on the common man, ten State Governments, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu (diesel only), Uttaranchal, Manipur and Assam, have reduced the sales tax on Petrol and Diesel, thus reducing the burden of the recent price hike.