

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

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

- (a) whether the Government had decided to make available green fuel throughout the country from April 1, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether oil PSUs have expressed inability to meet the deadline in some States including National Capital Region;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): As per the Auto Fuel Policy approved by the Government on 3.10.2003, the Oil Companies had been instructed to introduce Bharat Stage II / Euro III equivalent fuels in the country as per the road map provided therein. The Oil PSUs have expressed certain constraints in implementing the schedule, occasioned by unexpected and unforeseen problems including delay in implementation of quality upgradation projects, inland logistics etc. In view of the above, the Government is considering slight alterations in the programme of introduction of Bharat Stage-II equivalent fuels in the country. These will be notified shortly.