

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

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

- (a) whether percentage of benzene mixed in normal petrol is as high as 5 per cent;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to know the effect of benzene in the air;
- (c) whether number of cases of cancer are being detected in urban areas in view of the presence of high percentage of benzene in the air.
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether in most of the countries benzene is mixed within a limit;
- (f) if so, whether the Government proposes to reduce the percentage of benzene being mixed in the normal petrol; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) Petrol is produced in the Refinery from crude oil, which contains various hydrocarbons including benzene. However, benzene is not separately blended with petrol.
- (b),(c)&(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (e) No country mixes benzene in petrol. Limit of benzene in different grades of petrol is at par with most of the developed countries.
- (f) & (g) Does not arise.