

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

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HIKE IN PRICE OF ETHANOL

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

- (a) Whether the prices of ethanol have been increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether oil companies are likely to incur financial loss due to the said price rise;
- (d) if so, the total annual loss likely to be incurred by the oil companies;
- (e) whether oil companies have got some financial relief by mixing ethanol during the last few years; and
- (f) if so, the total annual financial relief assessed thereon?

Answer

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) The Government has not taken a decision regarding increase in ethanol prices under the EBP Programme.

(c) & (d) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(e) & (f) Yes, Madam. The total financial benefit worked out for the period Oct'2006 to March' 2010 in respect of all the three Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) i.e. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) by mixing of ethanol with petrol is as under :

Company	Financial Benefit
IOCL	Rs.101.20 Crore
BPCL	Rs.58.66 Crore
HPCL	Rs.51.16 Crore
Total	Rs. 211.02 Crore