

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

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

- (a) whether there is a maximum demand of diesel for consumption;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether diesel is also consumed in agriculture, railways, power generation, industries and other sectors in addition to automobile sector;
- (d) if so, the average annual percentage of its consumption in all above mentioned sectors in the country; and
- (e) the increase registered in the quantity of the consumption of diesel so far in each sector since 2008-09?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Diesel is the largest selling petroleum product in the country during 2009-10. The percentage of consumption of Diesel is 40.8% (Provisional) of the total consumption of the Petroleum Products in the country.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Diesel is consumed in sectors such as, Agriculture, Railways, other transport, Power Generation, Industries etc. The sector-wise estimated percentage of consumption of Diesel during the year 2008-09 is given below:

Sector Estimated % of Consumption
during 2008-09

Agriculture 11.9

Railways 4.2

Other Transport 61.1

Power Generation 8.4

Industry 10.2

Others 4.2

Total 100

(e) : The sector-wise estimated growth in consumption of Diesel during the period of 2008-09 to 2009-10 is given below:

Sector Estimated Quantity Growth in %
consumed ('000 MT)

2008-09 2009-10

(Prov.)

Agriculture 6153 6829 10.98

Railways 2166 2261 4.38

Other Transport 31564 34414 9.02

Power Generation 4316 4686 8.57

Industry 5289 6002 13.48

Others 2160 1956 (9.44)

Total 51648# 56148#

Quantity does not include consumption through direct private imports.