

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

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

- (a) whether the supply of ethanol is not being done by the ethanol producing companies of Maharashtra to the oil marketing companies as per the agreement reached between the two;
- (b) if so, whether the same has resulted into the shortage of the availability of ethanol by almost 30 per cent;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the names of the erring companies, and
- (d) the action taken so far against such erring companies?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have informed that in compliance with the decision of the Government, they have finalized supply contracts with the suppliers, including the State of Maharashtra. 100% quantity of ethanol required for the Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme in Maharashtra has been contracted. Supply of ethanol has commenced and Ethanol Blended Petrol is being supplied to few markets, and will extend to all markets progressively within a month.

The performance of ethanol suppliers would be reviewed after 3 months as per EO1 conditions.