

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

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

- (a) whether consumption of petrol in 2010-11 has fallen sharply;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to further bring down consumption of petrol so as to save foreign exchange?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The consumption of petrol has registered a growth of 10.7% during the year 2010-11.

(c): This Ministry has introduced Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme in the country. Presently, 5% EBP Programme is under implementation in 13 States and 3 Union Territories (UTs) out of notified 20 States and 4 UTs. The quantity of Ethanol used for blending with Petrol will, to an extent, reduce our dependence upon imported crude oil.