

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIESEL CONSUMPTION

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

- (a) the details of diesel consumption in the country during the last three years compared to that of petrol, year-wise;
- (b) the amount of diesel consumed by telecom companies during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the consumption of subsidised diesel;
- (d) the details of diesel imported by various oil companies during the said period alongwith the expenditure incurred in this regard, company-wise; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand of diesel?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a):The detail of Diesel consumption in the country during the last three years and current year (April-September, 2011) is given below :

(Fig. in TMT)

Year	Diesel	Petrol
2008-09	51,710	11,258
2009-10	56,242	12,818
2010-11 (Prov.)	59,990	14,193
2011-12 (April-September, 2011) provisional	30,977	7,432

(b):Customers from telecom industries purchase Diesel for their requirements directly from Retail Outlets of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and as such, separate records of Diesel lifted by them are not maintained by the OMCs.

(c):This Ministry has announced a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy effective from 01.01.2006. Under this policy, Public Sector OMCs would purchase Bio-diesel for blending with High Speed Diesel (HSD) to the extent of 5% through 20 purchase centres across the country.

(d):The details of Diesel imported by the OMCs during the last three years are given below:

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

Quantity Rsin Quantity Rs.in Quantity Rs.in
in TMT. cror in TMT crore in TMT crore

Indian 373 1419 459 1157 1299 4643
Oil Corpor
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Ltd. (IOCL)

Bharat 1057 3682 1587 4132 581 2004
Petroleum
Corporation
Ltd. (BPCL)

Hindustan 1250 4515 313 756 0 0
Petroleum
Corporation
Ltd. (HPCL)

Essar Oil 25 79 0 0 0 0
Ltd. (EOL)

(e):The country's refining capacity to produce petroleum products has been continuously augmented, and currently stands at 193.4 MMT, thus assuring adequate production of Diesel to meet the domestic demand.