GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:384 ANSWERED ON:09.08.2012 PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL Gaddigoudar Shri P.C.;Tanwar Shri Ashok

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote the usage of Ethanol Blended Petrol and Bio-diesel on large scale; and
- (b) the availability of ethanol for Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) and the total budgetary allocation for bio-diesel during the last three years alongwith the total quantity of ethanol and bio-diesel produced during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P. N. SINGH)

- (a) A National Policy on Bio-fuels has been notified by the Government in December 2009, to bring about accelerated development and promotion of the cultivation, production and use of bio-fuels to increasingly substitute Petrol and Diesel for transport and for use in stationary and other applications.
- (b) Procurement of ethanol by Oil Marketing Companies during the last three years is as under:

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2009-10: 6.3 crore litres
2010-11: 36.25 crore litres
2011-12: 24.01 crore litres
(till 15.07.2012)
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Production of Ethanol during the last three years (in crore litres):

2008-09 226.48 2009-10 176.72 2010-11 204.65

Bio-diesel industry is still at nascent stage. Presently, there is no commercial production of bio-diesel.