

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

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

- (a) whether Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme is operational only in some States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are getting economic gains due to operationalisation of ethanol blended petrol;
- (d) if so, the details of profits made during the last three years, year-wise and OMC-wise; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to convince the left-out States to use ethanol blended petrol?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme was launched in 1.11.2006 in the entire country except North-eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshdweep i.e 20 States and 4 UTs. However, as per availability of ethanol, presently, the programme is running in 13 States and 3 UTs only on account of non-availability of required quantity, restrictions imposed by the State Governments and limited offers received. EOI could not be finalized for supply of ethanol to 7 States and 1 Union Territory i.e. Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Orissa, Jharkhand and Puducherry.

(c)&(d) Details of year-wise and company wise profits made by OMCs during last three years are as under :

	In Rs. crores			
	IOCL	HPCL	BPCL	
2009-10	9.10	4.53	8.01	
2010-11	68.02	33.56	53.70	
2011-12	298.45	176.97	152.18	

(e) State Governments have been requested to simplify procedures and expedite clearances to ease the availability of Ethanol for the EBP Programme.

Review meetings have been held to monitor the implementation of EBP Programme. OMCs have also held various Industry Meetings with Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) and Zone-wise coordination meetings to ensure successful implementation of the programme.