

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

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BLENDING OF ETHANOL IN PETROL

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

- (a) the details of policy formulated for promoting ethanol production from various sources in the country;
- (b) the quantity of ethanol blended in petrol during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the blending percentage of ethanol in petrol; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(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 including bio-ethanol and bio-diesel to increasingly substitute Petrol and Diesel for transport and other applications. The Bio-fuel Policy mentions that the focus for development of bio fuels in India will be to utilize waste and degraded forest and non-forest lands only for cultivation of shrubs and trees bearing non-edible oil seeds for production of bio-diesel.

Bio-ethanol is produced mainly from molasses, a by-product of the sugar industry.

(b) Quantity of ethanol blended in petrol during the last three years and the current year is given as below:

Period Quantity blended by OMCs (Crore Litres)

Nov'2009-Sept'2010 5.60

Oct'2010-Sept'2011 36.25

Oct'2011-Sept'2012 30.57

Oct'2012-Jan'2013 0.45

CCEA in its meeting held on 22.11.2012 has decided inter-alia that 5% mandatory blending be reckoned for the country as a whole and it be achieved by 30.06.2013.

(c)&(d) MoPNG has issued a Gazette Notification dated 02.01.2013 directing OMCs to sell Ethanol blended petrol with percentage of ethanol upto 10% as per BIS Specification.