

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for conservation of petroleum products in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the petroleum Conservation Action Group has assessed the conservation potential in major sectors of the economy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof,
- (e) whether the Government proposes to extend the duration of Oil and Gas Conservation Fortnight presently organised by the Petroleum Conservation Research Association and oil PSUs to a month long period, commencing this year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER of STATE in the MINISTRY of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Government constituted Petroleum Conservation Action Group (PCAG) in 1976 to take measures towards conservation and efficient utilisation of Petroleum Products, which was subsequently re-constituted as Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), as a society under the aegis of MoPNG, in the year 1978. The objectives of PCRA are as under:

- (i) To formulate and promote measures for accelerating conservation of petroleum products leading to environment protection, energy security and sustainable development.
- (ii) To create awareness among masses about the importance, benefits and methods of conserving petroleum products & clean environment by enhancing information and capacity building.
- (iii) To promote research, development and deployment efforts aimed at petroleum conservation & environment protection, support & facilitate efforts for adoption and dissemination of fuel efficient technologies and substitution of petroleum products with alternate fuels and renewables.
- (iv) To establish synergistic institutional linkages at the national & international levels in the areas of petroleum conservation & environment protection.
- (v) To provide training and technical advisory services, designed to achieve economy & efficiency in use of petroleum products for cleaner environment.
- (vi) To function as a Think Tank for the Government of India for proposing policies and strategies on petroleum conservation and environment protection aimed at reducing excessive dependence on oil.

(c)&(d) As per Report of a Working Group constituted by MoPNG in 1998, the total conservation potential of Oil and Gas in different sectors of the economy was assessed in the range of 30 to 65 per cent. Out of this, it was estimated that housekeeping, maintenance and low cost conservation measures could result in conservation of 10 to 25 per cent. An additional 20 to 40 per cent savings could be achieved by switching to fuel-efficient technologies, alternative fuels and renewables.

(e) & (f) Currently there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.