

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRICING OF AUTO FUELS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the parameters followed in pricing of auto fuels have undergone changes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year along with the reasons/justification for such changes;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the likely effects this new pricing parameters on the oil refinery industries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e): The Government has made the price of Petrol market determined effective 26.06.2010. Since then, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on the pricing of Petrol in line with international oil prices and market conditions. Recently, on 17th January 2013, the Government has authorized the OMCs to (a) increase the retail selling price of Diesel in the range of 40 paisa to 50 paisa per litre per month (excluding VAT as applicable in different State/Union Territories) until further orders; and (b) sell Diesel to all consumers taking bulk supplies directly from the installations of the OMCs at the non-subsidized market determined price. The move to market determined prices is expected to improve the financial position of the public sector oil companies.