

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has allowed foreign tours by the advisors/experts to study the benefits of use of ethanol in the foreign countries where it is being used extensively;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said advisors/experts have submitted their report to the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a)to(d) An industry task force comprising all the three Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies i.e. Bharat Petroleum Corporation, Indian Oil Corporation & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation conducted a feasibility study for ethanol investment in Brazil and a report was finalized in May 2007. The project was found feasible and strategic for Indian Oil Industry. However, in view of huge investment involved, the project could not proceed further.