

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH OF PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the growth rate of petrochemicals sector has been much less than the target fixed for the purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government recently to check fluctuations in the prices of petrochemicals, overcome global recession and promote this industry; and
- (d) the extent to which these steps are being effective?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

- (a) The growth rate of the petrochemical sector is less than the target fixed.
- (b) The details are as below:

Products Group	Projected Demand (as per 11th plan) for 2008-09 (KT) Plan)	Projected Growth rate (As per XI Plan)	Actual consumption (KT)	Actual growth rate
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Synthetic Fibre	2977	10.5%	2213	3%
Polymers	6135	8%	5695	6.5%
Elastomers	438	10.2%	389	2.3%
Synthetic Detergent	540	5.4%	510	5.8%
Intermediate				

(c) & (d): Government does not control the prices of petrochemicals, as the petrochemical industry operates in a decontrolled environment. However, Government of India, through a stimulus package to overcome the economic slowdown and to give a fillip to domestic demand, reduced the excise duty to 8%. Petrochemical products were also benefited by this initiative of Government. This has begun to show results by way of increasing trend in production.