

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:584  
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DIESEL CONSUMPTION  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of increase in diesel prices on the transport sector and its resultant impact on prices of consumer goods prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the areas where usage of diesel may be minimised;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to reduce the consumption of diesel in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) & (b): Diesel has a weightage of 4.67 in the Whole sale Price Index (WPI). For every 1 rupee hike in Diesel prices, the WPI index is estimated to increase by 0.09%. As per inflation measured by WPI for May, 2014, the effect of Diesel prices on inflation contributed 0.79% points in the overall inflation of 6.01% in May, 2014, on year to year basis.
- (c)& (d): Yes, Madam. Government constituted a working group in 1998, which had identified that in transport, industrial and agriculture sector, the usage of Diesel could be reduced.
- (e): In order to reduce the consumption of Diesel in various sectors of economy, Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) carries out several activities, such as Driver Training Programmes, Media Campaigns, Kisan Melas, Standard & Labeling Programme and Mass Awareness Programmes.