

**Title:** Demand to use the rectified spirit manufactured from sugarcane and molasses in place of petrol to save the foreign exchange burden.

SHRI G. GANGA REDDY (NIZAMABAD): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government to an important issue. There is an urgent need to take measures to minimise oil pool deficit keeping in view the heavy burden on the exchequer. In this regard I will request that steps may be taken to minimise the deficit by mixing 10 per cent of rectified spirit manufactured from sugarcane and molasses along with petro products. This mixture is giving same efficiency as pure petrol products and as such 10 per cent saving can be achieved. Incidentally, this practice is going on in Brazil for years together and no complaint about loss in efficiency has been reported.

I, therefore, appeal to the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to start this practice in our country also immediately to save the foreign exchange burden.