

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2017

FIXING OF PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints of inappropriate decisions taken by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) with respect to fixing prices of petrol and diesel in the country since deregulation of their prices, if so, the details thereof along with the role of the Government to keep a check on the wrong fixation of prices of petrol and diesel by OMCs in the country;, State/ UT/OMC-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the impact of such inappropriate decisions on the profits of the said companies and on the common people, if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the customers/consumers of petrol and diesel are not given the actual benefit that accrued to oil companies by importing the same at low prices and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government so that benefit of the same reaches to the consumers also;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by people due to fluctuations/frequent/daily changes in the prices of petroleum products since de-controlled by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with its likely impact on the common man, inflation/ essential commodities;
- (e) the revenue, profit earned and dividends generated and paid by public sector oil companies from the sale of petrol, diesel, LPG in India and abroad during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the barrel-wise price of various petroleum products in international market and their corresponding per barrel selling price in Indian market during the said period?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): The prices of Petrol and Diesel have been made market determined by the Government effective from 26th June, 2010 and 19th October, 2014 respectively and since then their prices are being decided by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in line with the changes in the international market prices. The Public Sector OMCs increase and decrease the prices on the basis of the price of respective products in the international market and not to that of crude oil.

(b) & (c): IOCL has informed that daily changes in pricing have actually benefitted the customers at large with several of the problems that were faced earlier have been resolved:

- i. During fortnightly pricing, there used to be huge queues at the Retail Outlets causing immense trouble to the customers. The same has been reduced.
- ii. Due to heavy rush of customers, product at several Retail Outlets used to get exhausted leaving the needy customers without fuel. The same has been reduced.
- iii. The revision of fuel prices are carried out every day based on the International prices and therefore any drop in prices are passed on to the customers.

(d): Public Sector OMCs, namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited have implemented daily revision of retail selling price of Petrol and Diesel in the entire country effective 16th June, 2017.

Daily price revisions of Petrol and Diesel make the retail prices more reflective of the current market conditions, minimizing the volatility in the RSP of Petrol and Diesel. Further, it leads to increased transparency in the system and enables smoother flow of products from refinery/depots to Retail Outlets

(e): The total revenue, Profit after Tax and dividends of the OMCs from all activities including sale of Petrol, Diesel and LPG during the last three years and current year is given as under:-

(Rs. crore)

Companies	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	H1, 2017-18
Revenue				
IOC	4,36,390	3,49,321	4,38,692	2,33,506
HPC	2,06,380	1,79,281	2,13,489	1,14,044
BPC	2,37,905	1,89,098	2,41,859	1,30,673
Profit After Tax				
IOC	5,273	10,399	19,106	8,245
HPC	2,733	3,863	6,209	2,659
BPC	5,085	7,432	8,039	3,102
Dividend				
IOC	1,602	3,399	10,545	
HPC	830	1,456	3,478	
BPC	1,229	2,784	5,640	

Note: figures from 2016-17 onwards are based on IND-AS

(f): The Free on Board (FOB) prices of Petrol, Diesel and LPG in international market are given below. The respective selling price in Indian market during last three years is given at **Annexure**.

Year	Petrol	Diesel	LPG
	\$/BBL		\$/MT
2014-15	95.45	96.64	683.87
2015-16	61.72	55.02	394.71
2016-17	58.10	56.59	393.31
2017-18 (till 30 th November, 2017)	64.49	63.95	461.73

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Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (f) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 445 asked by Shri Arvind Sawant, Shri Sanjay Dhotre, Shrimati Bhavana Pundalikrao Gawali Patil, Shri Rahul Shewale, Shri Sankar Prasad Datta, Shri Dushyant Chautala and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab to be answered on 18th December, 2017 regarding “Fixing Of Prices Of Petroleum Products”.

Date	Petrol	Diesel	Domestic LPG	
			Subsidized	Non- Subsidized
	(Rs./litre)		(Rs./14.2 KG Cyl.)	
01.04.2014	72.26	55.49	414.00	980.50
16.04.2014	71.41			
01.05.2014				928.50
16.05.2014		56.71		
01.06.2014		57.28		905.00
07.06.2014	71.51			
25.06.2014	71.56			906.00
01.07.2014	73.60	57.84		922.50
01.08.2014	72.51	58.40		920.00
16.08.2014	70.33			
31.08.2014	68.51	58.97		
01.09.2014				901.00
01.10.2014	67.86			880.00
15.10.2014	66.65			
19.10.2014		55.60		
23.10.2014			417.00	883.50
01.11.2014	64.24	53.35		865.00
01.12.2014	63.33	52.51		752.00
16.12.2014	61.33	50.51		
01.01.2015				708.50
17.01.2015	58.91	48.26		
01.02.2015				605.00
04.02.2015	56.49	46.01		
16.02.2015	57.31	46.62		
01.03.2015	60.49	49.71		610.00

Date	Petrol	Diesel	Domestic LPG	
			RSP	Effective cost after DBTL Subsidy#
	(Rs./litre)	(Rs./14.2 KG Cyl.)		
01.04.2015	60.00	48.50	621.00	417.82
16.04.2015	59.20	47.20		
01.05.2015	63.16	49.57	616.00	
16.05.2015	66.29	52.28		
01.06.2015			626.50	
16.06.2015	66.93	50.93		
01.07.2015	66.62	50.22	608.50	
16.07.2015	66.90	49.72		
01.08.2015	64.47	46.12	585.00	
15.08.2015	63.20	44.95		
01.09.2015	61.20	44.45	559.50	
01.10.2015		44.95	517.50	
16.10.2015		45.90		
01.11.2015	60.70	45.93	545.00	
16.11.2015	61.06	46.80		
01.12.2015	60.48	46.55	606.50	
09.12.2015			608.00	419.26
16.12.2015	59.98	46.09		
01.01.2016	59.35	45.03	657.50	419.33
02.01.2016	59.35	45.03		
16.01.2016	59.03	44.18		
19.01.2016	59.99	44.71		
31.01.2016	59.99	44.71		
01.02.2016	59.95	44.68	575.00	419.22
18.02.2016	59.63	44.96		
01.03.2016	56.61	46.43	513.50	419.13
04.03.2016				
17.03.2016	59.68	48.33		
01.04.2016			509.50	
05.04.2016	61.87	49.31		
16.04.2016	61.13	48.01		
01.05.2016	62.19	50.95	527.50	419.15
07.05.2016		50.41		
17.05.2016	63.02	51.67		
01.06.2016	65.60	53.93	548.50	419.18
16.06.2016	65.65	55.19		

Date	Petrol	Diesel	Domestic LPG	
			RSP	Effective cost after DBTL Subsidy#
	(Rs./litre)	(Rs./14.2 KG Cyl.)		
01.07.2016	64.76	54.70	537.50	421.16
16.07.2016	62.51	54.28		
01.08.2016	61.09	52.27	487.00	423.09
16.08.2016	60.09	50.27		
01.09.2016	63.47	52.94	466.50	425.06
16.09.2016	64.21	52.59		
01.10.2016	64.58	52.51	490.00	427.09
05.10.2016	64.72	52.61		
16.10.2016	66.45	55.38		
28.10.2016			492.00	428.59
01.11.2016			529.50	430.64
06.11.2016	67.62	56.41		
16.11.2016	65.93	54.71		
01.12.2016	66.10	54.57	584.00	432.71
17.12.2016	68.94	56.68		
01.01.2017			585.00	434.71
02.01.2017	70.60	57.82		
16.01.2017	71.14	59.02		
01.02.2017			651.50	434.80
01.03.2017			737.50	434.93
01.04.2017	66.29	55.61	723.00	440.90
16.04.2017	68.07	56.83		
01.05.2017	68.09	57.35	631.00	442.77
16.05.2017	65.32	54.90		
01.06.2017	66.91	55.94	552.50	446.65
16.06.2017 (*)	65.48	54.49		
01.07.2017	63.09	53.33	564.00	477.46
16.07.2017	64.11	54.93		
01.08.2017	65.40	55.58	524.00	479.77
16.08.2017	68.14	57.36		
01.09.2017	69.26	57.13	597.50	487.18
16.09.2017	70.48	58.84		

Date	Petrol	Diesel	Domestic LPG	
			RSP	Effective cost after DBTL Subsidy#
	(Rs./litre)	(Rs./14.2 KG Cyl.)		
01.10.2017	70.76	58.92	649.00	491.13
16.10.2017	68.29	56.91		
01.11.2017	69.14	57.73	742.00	495.69
16.11.2017	69.65	58.31		
01.12.2017	69.22	58.40	747.00	495.69

Notes –

Prices of Petrol, Domestic LPG and Diesel are as per IOCL.

(*After the implementation of daily prices for petrol and diesel effective 16th June, 2017 onwards, the prices as on 1st and 16th of each month only are given in the above table.

Effective 1st January, 2015, Modified DBTL scheme has been implemented in the entire country. The effective cost to consumer is after DBTL Subsidy.

