

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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BLENDING OF ETHANOL WITH PETROL

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

- (a) whether the Government has procure ethanol for blending with petrol;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with quantum of ethanol procured and utilised during the last three years;
- (c) the details of ethanol blended petrol sold during the said period; and
- (d) the names of the States where ethanol blending petrol is being sold at present, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)& (b): Yes Madam. Government of India had launched Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme in January, 2003, for supply of 5% ethanol blended petrol. Further, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) issued Gazette Notification on 2nd January, 2013, directing Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to sell ethanol blended Petrol with percentage of ethanol upto 10% as per BIS specification to achieve 5% ethanol blending across the country as a whole. Accordingly, OMCs are procuring ethanol for blending with petrol under the EBP Programme by floating tenders in the open market.

The quantum of ethanol procured and utilized during the last three years and current year is as under :

Period (Sugar year)	Quantum of Ethanol procured by OMCs in Kilo Litres
2010-11	362502
2011-12	260949
2012-13	1942 #
2013-14	318365
2014-15 (April to June 2014)	81080

LOIs were issued to vendors but none came forward to sign agreement after CCEA Decision in November 2012 making the process of ethanol procurement tender-based. 1942 KI is the

produce from HPCL Bio-fuels Ltd.- a subsidiary of HPCL.

(c) The details of ethanol blended petrol sold by OMCs during last three years are given as under:

Financial Year in Kilo Litres	Ethanol blended petrol sales	
	IOCL	HPCL
2011-12	2952290	1899973
1976175	1895164	1079252
2012-13	2146508	1511512
1197956	820622	513942
2013-14		
1314903		
2014-15 (April to June 2014)		
375906		

(d) Ethanol Blended Petrol is presently being sold in 12 States and 3 UTs viz. Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Chandigarh and Puduchery.