



**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 384**

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**PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL**

**384 . Shri P.C. GADDIGOUDAR**

**ASHOK TANWAR**

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

**(a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote the usage of Ethanol Blended Petrol and Bio-diesel on large scale; and**

**(b) the availability of ethanol for Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) and the total budgetary allocation for bio-diesel during the last three years alongwith the total quantity of ethanol and bio-diesel produced during the said period?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P. N. SINGH)**

**(a) A National Policy on Bio-fuels has been notified by the Government in December 2009, to bring about accelerated development and promotion of the cultivation, production and use of bio-fuels to increasingly substitute Petrol and Diesel for transport and for use in stationary and other applications.**

**(b) Procurement of ethanol by Oil Marketing Companies during the last three years is as under :**

2009-10 :	6.3 crore litres
2010-11 :	36.25 crore litres
2011-12 :	24.01 crore litres
	(till 15.07.2012)

**Production of Ethanol during the last three years (in crore litres) :**

2008-09	226.48
2009-10	176.72
2010-11	204.65

**Bio-diesel industry is still at nascent stage. Presently, there is no commercial production of bio-diesel.**