

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
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MIXTURE OF ETHANOL WITH PETROL

460#. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA

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

- (a) whether ethanol blended petrol is being sold in every State of the Country;
- (b) if so, the name of States where its sale is maximum; and
- (c) if not, the special efforts being made by Government to sell ethanol blended petrol equally in every State of the Country, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): Currently, under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, ethanol blended petrol is being sold in all the states and Union Territories as per availability of ethanol except in the islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep. In the ongoing Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2022-23 (December'22 – October'23), the maximum sale of ethanol blended petrol has been in the state of Uttar Pradesh followed by Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Gujarat.

(c): To increase production and utilization of ethanol to sell ethanol blended petrol equally in every State, the Government, since 2014, has taken several measures which includes expansion of feedstock for production of ethanol; administered price mechanism for procurement of ethanol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme; lowered GST rate to 5% on ethanol for EBP Programme; amendment in Industries (Development & Regulation) Act for free movement of ethanol across states for blending; interest subvention scheme for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity in the country; regular floating of Expression of Interest (EoI) by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for procurement of ethanol.
