

Check on frequent rise in prices of petro-products

†2281. SHRI BRIJAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the prices of petrol and diesel being increased by the oil companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to adopt measures in public interest to check frequent price rise by the companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) In the light of the recommendations made by the Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kirit S. Parikh to advise on a Viable and Sustainable System of Pricing of Petroleum Products, the Government made the price of Petrol, both at the Refinery Gate and at the Retail Level, market-determined with effect from 26.6.2010. As a result, the price of Petrol went up by Rs. 3.50 per litre. Subsequent to the decontrol of Petrol pricing, the oil companies are free to take appropriate decision on the pricing of Petrol on the basis of international oil prices, market conditions and commercial considerations.

Government has taken a decision 'in principle' that the price of Diesel will be made market-determined, both at Refinery Gate and Retail Level. However, Government has initially increased the retail selling price of Diesel by only Rs. 2/- per litre with effect from 26th June 2010 (at Delhi), with corresponding increases in the rest of the country.

The details of revision in retail selling price of Petrol and Diesel since 1st April, 2010 (at Delhi) are given below:

Date of Price revision	(Rs. per litre)			
	Petrol		Diesel	
	Increase /Decrease	Revised Price	Increase /Decrease	Revised Price
1	2	3	4	5
Prices as on 01.04.2010		47.93		38.10
26.06.2010*	3.50	51.43	2.00	40.10

1	2	3	4	5
01.07.2010#	0.02	51.45	0.02	40.12
20.07.2010**	-	-	-2.50	37.62
08.09.2010***	0.11	51.56	0.09	37.71
21.09.2010 (as per IOC)	0.27	51.83	-	-
17.10.2010 (as per IOC)	0.72	52.55	-	-
02.11.2010#	0.04	52.59	0.04	37.75
09.11.2010 (as per IOC)	0.32	52.91	-	-
Current price	-	52.91		37.75

* The pricing of Petrol both at refinery gate and the retail level has been made market determined effective 26.06.2010 and after deregulation of price of Petrol effective 26.06.10, the oil companies are free to fix the retail prices of Petrol on commercial considerations and market conditions.

** VAT reduced by Delhi Government from 20% to 12.5%.

*** Price revision effective 8.09.2010 was on account of revision in dealer commission.

Revision in siding/shunting charges.

(c) to (e) To protect the interest of the common man, the Government has made only moderate price increases for Diesel and has not passed on the full burden of the increased international oil prices to the consumer. Government will continue to monitor the price situation closely and in case of a high rise and volatility in the international oil prices, Government will suitably intervene in the pricing of these products.

Irregularities in allotment of retail outlets and gas agencies

†2282. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure prescribed for allotment of retail outlets and gas agencies in the country;

(b) the details of retail outlets and gas agencies allotted during the last three years, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.