

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th March, 2021**

Study on benefits of use of ethanol

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

- (a) whether Government has approved travel of experts to the countries that use ethanol abundantly to study the benefits of the uses of ethanol;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said experts have submitted their report to Government; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d): Ministry officials and OMC officials dealing with bio fuel had in the past visited foreign countries to learn about bio fuel. Visit to Brazil was also undertaken to understand the implementation of the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme with key focus on second generation (2G) ethanol. India is a member of International Energy Agency's Technology Collaboration Programme (TCP) on Bio-Energy. This collaboration programme has been set up with the aim of improving collaboration and information exchange between countries that have national programme in bio-energy research, development and deployment. India has been attending these meetings and in the process getting benefit of the global development in the programme. The inputs received during these meetings/visits are appropriately used by the Government in promoting bio-fuels in the country including for EBP programme.
