

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1881  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021

**Modernisation/ upgradation of oil refineries**

1881 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:  
Shri P.Bhattacharya:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to undertake modernisation/ upgradation of oil refineries across the country in accordance with the international standards in order to bring down the prices of petrol and diesel to some extent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked, targets set for expansion of refining capacity and likely achievements in this regard;
- (c) whether Government also proposes to take adequate measures to upgrade the fuel quality norms and bring it at par with global norms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the action plan chalked out in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) and (b): The refining industry has been modernized and upgraded continuously with the indigenous and imported technologies for refining cost reduction and product upgradation. The refining sector in the country is deregulated and capacity expansion by refiners is based on market dynamics and product demand. The existing Refining capacity is 249 Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTPA) and is expected to reach 298 MMTPA by 2025.

(c) and (d) As per Government policy, the auto fuel quality norms have already been upgraded to Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) norm which is at par with international norm of 10 parts per million (ppm) of sulphur. The upgraded fuel of BS-VI norm was introduced nationwide from 01.04.2020 leapfrogging from BS-IV norm.

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