GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 948
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2021

Impact of rising prices on petroleum products

948 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase/decrease in the price of crude oil in the international market during the last one year and the number of times the prices of petroleum products came down/reduced in both domestic and international markets;

(b) the details of the mechanism adopted by Government to examine the prices of petrol and diesel fixed by various petroleum companies in conformity with the variation in the international crude oil prices;

(c) the number of times the prices of petroleum products including petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG, PNG, and kerosene increased/ decreased; and

(d) the impact of rising prices on petroleum products on the people?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d):   The average monthly price of Indian Basket of crude oil in last one year is at Annexure-1.

The details of number of times increase/decrease in prices of petrol, diesel, domestic LPG (non-subsidised) at Delhi and PDS Kerosene at Mumbai since April 2020 are at Annexure-2.

Prices of petrol and diesel are market-determined with effect from 26.06.2010 and

19.10.2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been taking appropriate decision on pricing of petrol and diesel on the basis of international product prices and other market conditions. The OMCs have increased and decreased the prices of petrol and diesel according to changes in international prices and rupee dollar exchange rate. Effective 16th June, 2017, daily pricing of petrol and diesel has been implemented in the entire country. The prices of petrol in the States across the country varies due to freight rates, VAT/local levies etc.

In order to insulate the common man from the impact of rise in international oil prices, the Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer of Domestic LPG.

As regards, PDS Kerosene, effective 1st March, 2020 the retail selling price of is being maintained at NIL under-recovery level on pan India basis.

Government of India has allocated domestic gas to various City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities for CNG (Transport) and PNG (Domestic) purpose. However, retail price of CNG/PNG is determined by CGD entities after considering state taxes, tariff and other components.

The impact of increase in prices of petrol and diesel can be seen in their impact on inflationary trend measured by Wholesale Price Index (WPI). The weightage of petrol, diesel and LPG in the WPI index is 1.60%, 3.10% and 0.64% respectively.

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Annexure 1 referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 948 asked by Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa to be answered on 6th December, 2021 regarding "Impact of rising prices on petroleum products".

Month	Indian Basket of Crude Oil ($/bb)
Apr-20	19.90
May-20	30.61
Jun-20	40.63
Jul-20	43.35
Aug-20	44.19
Sep-20	41.35
Oct-20	40.66
Nov-20	43.34
Dec-20	49.84
Jan-21	54.79
Feb-21	61.22
Mar-21	64.73
Apr-21	63.40
May-21	66.95
Jun-21	71.98
Jul-21	73.54
Aug-21	69.80
Sep-21	73.13
Oct-21	82.11
Nov-21 (till 29th November)	81.09

Annexure 2 referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 948 asked by Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa to be answered on 6th December, 2021 regarding "Impact of rising prices on petroleum products".

2020-21

Particulars	Petrol	Diesel	Non-Subsidised Domestic LPG	PDS Kerosene
Increase	76	73	8	8
Decrease	10	24	2	4
No change	279	268		
Total	365	365	10	12

2021-22

Particulars	Petrol	Diesel	Non-Subsidised Domestic LPG	PDS Kerosene
Increase	69	67	4	7
Decrease	6	10	1	1
No change	169	167		
Total	244	244	5	8

*Data for 2021-22 is upto 30-Nov-21

Prices of Petrol and Diesel are as per IOCL