

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1414
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

STORAGE OF ETHANOL

1414. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that storage of ethanol is an issue;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that we have achieved 10 per cent ethanol blending with petrol and by the time we achieve 20 per cent blending, it would have to be stored separately which would raise its cost; and
- (c) if so, how Government is going to make industry and our oil PSUs ready for this?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) Ethanol is stored at multiple locations including refineries, terminals and suppliers' own premises in accordance with blending requirements. Presently, adequate arrangements exist for storage as per current needs.

(b) to (c) OMCs have achieved average 10% ethanol blending in petrol during Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2021-22. Ethanol storage capacity at various locations in the country is being augmented on ongoing basis, to satisfy requirements arising out of increase in blending to 20%.
