

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1738
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023

METHANOL AS AN ALTERNATIVE MARINE FUEL

1738. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that methanol is a cost-effective alternative marine fuel, less expensive than other marine fuels and is economical in terms of developing shoreside storage and bunkering infrastructure; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps that are proposed to be taken by Government to set up coal-to-methanol plants across the country using indigenous technology?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There is no specific data available as yet related to the fact that methanol is a cost effective alternative marine fuel, less expensive than other marine fuels and is economical in terms of developing shore side storage and bunkering infrastructure.
