

**Title: Need to bring down the high prices of petrol in the country.-laid**

**SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYNAGAR):** I would like to draw attention to a matter of serious concern which is affecting the entire county. The high prices of petrol are affecting every sphere of people's lives in India. The high transportation cost is leading to an increased prices of essential items. This has been happening over the past three years. It has pushed people into poverty by making transportation and necessary items unaffordable. Despite India announcing that it is getting oil at a cheaper price from Russia there has not been a significant decline in the prices. At an international level, the price of crude oil has witnessed a decline but the petrol prices in the country have gone up rather than going down. How is the petrol price calculated in the first place? Are the refining costs and taxes so high that fall in global price is not yielding positive results in the country? I urge upon the Government to take necessary action to bring down the prices.