

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1682  
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STUDY ON USE OF ALTERNATIVE OF DIESEL.  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any study has been conducted about the alternative of diesel being used in the world for public transport system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) IOC R&D is presently conducting studies related to the use of ethanol as a blending component for diesel fuel. In addition, work is also being done with respect to production and utilisation of bio-diesel as a blending component with diesel.