

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

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PRICES OF ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many countries have reduced the selling price of petrol for consumers by using ethanol mixed petrol;
- (b) if so, the maximum percentage of ethanol mixed petrol being used by these countries; and
- (c) the percentage of prices of ethanol mixed petrol estimated to be reduced in the country during 2006-07 ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): As per information gathered Brazil uses ethanol blended petrol to the extent of 22%, United States of America and Australia use 10% ethanol blended petrol. Sweden, France, Spain, Canada, Mexico and Thailand are also reported to use ethanol blended petrol at varying levels. The price of ethanol blended petrol is market determined. In India ethanol blending is permitted to the extent of 5%. The retail selling price of petrol and ethanol are same and as such no reduction in the price of ethanol blended petrol is envisaged during 2006-07.