GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:23 ANSWERED ON:07.07.2014 AUTO FUEL VISION AND POLICY Pradhan Shri Nagendra Kumar

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

- (a) whether the Government had constituted an Expert Committee to suggest Auto Fuel Vision and Policy, 2025;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the Policy;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations made by the said Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Government had constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Soumitra Choudhuri, Member, Planning Commission, to draft Auto Fuel Vision and Policy 2025 with the following Terms of Reference:-
- (i) Recommend road map for auto fuel quality till 2025 for the country, taking into account the achievement under the last Auto Fuel Policy, emission reduction of in-use vehicles, growth of vehicles and supply and availability of fuels.
- (ii) Recommend suitable mix of auto fuels including gas and its specifications, considering the following:
- a) Availability of infrastructure and logistics of fuel supplies,
- b) The processing economics of Auto fuels, and
- c) Improvement in the quality of fuel vis-Ã -vis improvement in vehicle engine technology.
- (iii) Recommend vehicular emission norms for various categories of vehicles and roadmap for their implementation.
- (iv) Recommend use of alternate fuels to minimize impact on environment.
- (v) Recommend fiscal measures for funding requisite upgradation of Oil Refineries, logistics and removal of Inter-fuel distortions. The Committee has submitted its Report to the Government on 2nd May, 2014. The Committee has made various recommendations including a Roadmap for phased introduction of BS-IV and BS-V Auto Fuels in the entire country.
- (c) and (d): Government has decided to circulate the Report among all Ministries/Departments/States/Union Territories to elicit their views on the Report.