<u>Reply to Parliament Question No 2244 for 10.03.2025 for Rajya Sabha regarding "Ethanol blending with Petrol" in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):</u>

Q no. (a): **the total savings on India's crude oil import costs as well as savings by oil companies incurred from blending of ethanol with petrol;**

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[Not applicable to NRL. NRL had made necessary facilities for the OMCs for receiving, storing, handling and blending of ethanol in petrol at our Numaligarh Refinery Marketing Terminal (NRMT) and Siliguri Marketing Terminal (SMT). Accordingly, ethanol blended petrol is dispatched from NRL's NRMT and SMT in favour of respective OMCs. Moreover, NRL sells majority of its products to Oil Marketing Companies (OMC's) at Refinery Transfer Price (RTP) which is based on trade parity pricing mechanism. The prices of petroleum products are linked to the prices of respective products in the international market. A small percentage of its products are sold to Direct Customers at market driven prices.]

Q no. (b): **whether Govt plans to transfer savings incurred from blending with petrol to consumers through a reduction in retail petrol prices. If not, please state why; and**

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Q no. (c): **whether Government is aware of any negative effects from the use of ethanol-blended petrol (E20 petrol) on fuel efficiency of vehicles and engine health?**

Reply: Ministry to reply.

<u>Note for Supplementary</u>:

Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is a Public Sector Enterprise with a 3.0 MMTPA petroleum refinery at Numaligarh in Golaghat district of Assam. Present shareholding pattern of NRL is Oil India Limited (OIL) – 69.63%, Govt. of Assam (GoA) – 26% and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) – 4.37%.

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