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सरकार ने यह निर्णय भी लिया है कि केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार द्वारा की गई एथेनोल-मिश्रित-पेट्रोल की आपूर्ति से संबंधित राजकोपीय प्रियायत उपभोक्ताओं को अक्षरित की जाएगी।

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RESOLUTION

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No. P-45018/28/2000-CC.—With a view to give boost to agriculture sector and reduce environmental pollution, Government of India have been examining for quite some time supply of ethanol-doped-petrol in the country. In order to ascertain financial and operational aspects of blending 5% ethanol with petrol as allowed in the specifications of Bureau of Indian Standards for petrol, Government had launched three pilot projects; two in Maharashtra and one in Uttar Pradesh during April and June, 2001 and these pilot projects have been supplying 5% ethanol-doped-petrol only to the retail outlets under their respective supply areas since then. Apart from the aforesaid field trails through pilot projects, R&D studies also were undertaken simultaneously. Both pilot projects and R&D studies have been successful and established blending of ethanol upto 5% with petrol and usage of ethanol-doped-petrol in vehicles.

Discussions were held with concerned agencies including the Governments of major sugar producing States. While the Society for Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has confirmed the acceptance for use of 5% ethanol-doped-petrol in vehicles, State Governments of major sugar producing States and the representatives of sugar/distillery industries have confirmed availability/capacity to produce ethanol.

Government have set up an Expert Group headed by the Executive Director of the Centre for High Technology for examining various options of blending ethanol with petrol including use of ETBE in refineries. Considering the logistical and financial advantages, this Group has recommended blending of ethanol with petrol at supply locations (terminals/depots) of oil companies.

In view of the above, Government have now resolved that with effect from 1-1-2003, 5% ethanol-doped-petrol will be supplied in the following nine States and four contiguous Union Territories :

States	Union Territories
1. Andhra Pradesh	1. Damnan and Diu
2. Goa	2. Dadra and Nagar Haveli
3. Gujarat	3. Chandigarh
4. Haryana	4. Pondicherry
5. Karnataka	
6. Maharashtra	
7. Punjab	
8. Tamil Nadu	
9. Uttar Pradesh	

Government have also decided that any fiscal concession by the Central Government/State Government relating to supply of ethanol-doped-petrol shall be passed on to the consumers.

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