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**Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1881 to be answered on 04.08.21 regarding Modernization / Upgradation of Oil Refineries.**

**Q(a): Whether Government proposes to undertake modernization / Upgradation of Oil Refineries across the country in accordance with the international standards in order to bring down the prices of petrol & diesel to some extent;**

**Reply(a):** Yes.

**Q(b): if so, the details thereof including the funds year marked, targets sets for expansion of refining capacity and likely achievement in this regard;**

**Reply(b):** The refining industry has been modernized and upgraded continually with the state-of-the-art technologies developed indigenously as well as acquired from across the globe. The refining sector in the country is deregulated. The decision on investment to increase Refining capacity are taken by the industry based on market dynamics and product demand. Presently Indian refining industry has established itself as an Asian refining hub and the refining capacity exceeds the domestic requirement and surplus products are being exported.

**Q(c): Whether Government also proposes to take adequate measures to upgrade the fuel quality norms and bring it at par with global norms; and**

**Reply(c):** As per Government directives, Auto fuel quality norms have already been upgraded to BS-VI norm meeting international norm of 10 ppm sulphur.

**Q(d): if so, the details thereof indicating the action plan chalked out in this regard?**

**Reply(d):** India has already implemented global standard norm of 10 ppm sulphur auto fuels from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 across India.

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