

'Ethanol blending can help govt save ₹4,500 crore'

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IF SUFFICIENT ethanol is available across the country, then its blending with petrol can help central government save a total amount of around Rs 4,500 crore, said Kalikesh Singh Deo, Lok Sabha MP from BJD, and member of Parliamentary Standing Committee of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

In his recent letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Deo stated: "Appropriate blending of consistently available ethanol throughout the country, will prevent octane savings to the tune of approximately Rs 3,000 crore. Further, a consistent supply of ethanol will serve as a substitute for expensive and harmful imported aromatics like BTX. This will additionally contribute to foreign exchange savings worth approximately Rs 1,500 crore, since ethanol has an octane rating of 113, while the mandated octane rating for fuel is 91."

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