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Media reports are untrue; AG never informed the Supreme Court that E20 fuel is an experiment: Center clarifies

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The explanation followed allegations in the media that the Attorney General informed **the Supreme Court that the government's 20% ethanol** blending scheme was still a "ongoing experiment."

E20 fuel

On June 30, **Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani's office clarified that the Central government** never informed the Supreme Court that the government's E20 gasoline scheme is a "test."

The explanation followed a number of media reports on June 30 that stated the Attorney General had informed the Supreme Court that the government's plan to blend 20% ethanol into gasoline was **"still an ongoing experiment"** and that its effects will become more apparent the following year.
According to the sources, the AG made this argument during a recent hearing in a dispute over ethanol allotment before the Supreme Court.

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These reports, according to the AG's office, are "completely false" and do not represent "anything even close" to the arguments presented to the Court.
The statement stated, **"The Government's Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme and the E20** blending program were never submitted as "experiments."

It further stated that any claim that the government had referred to the E20 program as an experiment in front of the Supreme Court was "incorrect" and did not accurately reflect the arguments put forth by the Union of India.

India's Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani
The clarification concerned the June 30 Supreme Court proceedings in which Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited **(BPCL) filed a case against an order from the Karnataka High Court requiring oil marketing companies to reevaluate ethanol allocations for the 2025–2026 supply year.**

The Attorney General had reported to the Supreme Court that similar petitions concerning the distribution of ethanol to Dedicated Ethanol Plants were pending before several High Courts throughout the nation, **according to the AG's office.**

In order to prevent contradictory rulings, he proposed that transfer petitions be brought to the Supreme Court. This would allow all cases with similar legal issues stemming from the same contractual framework to be heard collectively.

In order to prevent the government's goal o**f maintaining 20% ethanol blending in gasoline throughout the year under the Ethanol Blended Petrol Program, the AG** clarified that he had informed the Court that an expeditious resolution of the litigation was required to ensure that ethanol supplies to oil marketing companies remain unaffected.

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