

## VAT RATE ON PETROL INCREASED BY 2%

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State Government has increased the VAT rate on Petrol by 2% from September 1, 2017 and hence the petrol prices at retail outlets in Goa will increase approximately by Rs.1.08/- per litre. As a result, petrol will not cost around Rs.63.43 a litre to the consumer.

The existing tax rate of 15 percent is now increased to 17 percent.

Even after such increase, petrol would still be cheaper by around Rs.14/- as compared to Maharashtra and by around Rs. 7/- as compared to Karnataka.

Goa was having one of least differences in price per litre of petrol and diesel owing to the lower VAT rate on petrol. While this difference is around Rs. 12/- in Karnataka and Rs. 17/- in Maharashtra, it was only around Rs. 4.70 in Goa. In order to rationalize this to some extent without putting a substantial burden on the consumers, the Government has decided to increase the VAT rate on petrol by 2%.