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## Cong to continue protests in House

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New Delhi: After blockading the Rajya Sabha on Monday, Congress said it will continue to protest against rising inflation and ballooning fuel prices till its demand for a discussion in the House was accepted. Leader of opposition in RS Mallikarjun Kharge told reporters. "We wanted to highlight in Parliament the prevailing anger among people against the rising petrol, diesel and LPG prices. But the government did not agree to it as it was not ready. We will continue to raise the demand. Other parties are also with us."

He said the government was filling its treasury with duties on fuel but was not bothered about how it was impacting the common man's budget. Congress MP Deepender Hooda said the entire country, including farmers, were suffering because of fuel price rise and inflation. He claimed that price of paddy and wheat had risen only by

### Oil cos go easy with fuel prices

If petrol and diesel prices haven't risen for over a week, thank the upcoming polls in five states. Public sector fuel retailers appeared to be going easy with pump prices on a 'gentle nudge' from the Centre, even as benchmark Brent crude on Monday topped \$70 per barrel. Pump prices have remained unchanged for nine days, the longest gap between two revisions since January, even though India's crude cost has risen nearly 5% from \$64/barrel to \$67 in step with crude's rally. INDIAN EXPRESS

30% between 2016-20 but diesel had risen by 89%. Congress MP Nasser Hussain asked, "Is there any space in our parliamentary democracy to raise issues concerning the common man given the manner in which the government is running the Parliament."