

the wide demand for petrol has slumped

Increasing the price of petrol is the best way to solve the growing traffic and pollution problems.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the above statement?
What other measures do you think might be effective?**

Nowadays, more individuals use their own cars and the air pollution and traffic jams caused by them have consequently increased. Although some are of the view that making the fuel more expensive is the most proper solution to mitigate the mentioned problems, I believe that there must be other measures to tackle them.

By increasing the price of fossil fuels such as petrol, undoubtedly there would be less traffic congestion or environmental pollution but would that really act as a deterrent to all people? I believe people with higher levels of farewell-welfare such as ones-those from western, developed countries, can yet afford the higher costs of their vehicles' fuel routinely. To put it simply, people with high income will not bother themselves to leave the car at home and be less convenient just to spend less. Therefore, an absolute solution to such issues will not be guaranteed when such solutions are taken into account.

On the contrary, building up infrastructures, governments would be profoundly more successful in mitigating those problems. One of the measures that would decrease traffic jams is providing people with easy-to-reach and low-cost public transportation. By allotting funds to it, the number of commuters using it would rise as they see better options in front of them. Who prefers driving in long rush hours while anxious instead of an effortless commute half the price by a bus? In the same way, other interventions by government should be made to save the environment from being destroyed or polluted and subsidizing environment-friendly fuels could be conceived as one of the most impactful ones.

In conclusion, although raising the cost of petrol would contribute to less crowded and cleaner cities, I believe that more fundamental approaches must be adopted. the Ones which provide people with better choices that would result in more rigorous solutions.