

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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ALCOHOL PRODUCTION FROM FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fresh foodgrains are being used in the production of alcohol in different States including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any comparative study data regarding production of alcohol from fresh and rotten grains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the use of fresh grains in alcohol production is affecting food security of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a): Alcohol is a State subject. All matters relating to issuance of license for manufacturing and monitoring etc are dealt by the respective State Governments. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has no information on the use of fresh foodgrains by States including Maharashtra for alcohol production. However, the Ministry's mandate is to promote processing of fruits and vegetable products including foodgrains into value added foodproducts, thereby, minimizing wastages, it does not promote production of alcohol from foodgrains.

(b): Does not arise

(c) to (f): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has neither conducted any comparative study nor does it maintain any database on production of alcohol either from fresh or rotten grains.