

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5383  
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SUBSIDIES TO DISTILLERIES  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has released certain norms to allow subsidies to distilleries for producing grain based alcohol;
- (b) if so, whether any State Governments have allowed subsidies to distilleries for producing grain based alcohol; and
- (c) the possible impact on availability of foodgrains in the event of such a policy?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not released any norms to allow subsidies to distilleries for producing grain based alcohol.
- (b): The Ministry does not maintain information on subsidies being provided to the distilleries for producing grain based alcohol by the State Governments. Further, alcohol is a State Subject and as such all matters including licensing and manufacturing of alcohol are dealt by the respective State Governments. However, States like Maharashtra and Karnataka are providing subsidies / incentives to wine produced from wine grapes.
- (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.