

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is unable to produce Ethanol according to the demand due to the pressure of some foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the quantity of the production of ethanol during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for increasing the production of Ethanol?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a)(b) & (d) No Sir. However, production of ethanol in the country is insufficient to meet the requirement of different sectors. In India, almost the entire Ethanol is produced from sugarcane molasses. Hence, ethanol production in India is heavily dependent on production of sugar and sugarcane, which fluctuates due to their cyclic nature. Government, under the Sugar Development Fund Rules, 1983, provide soft loans, upto 40% of the project cost, to the sugar mills for setting up ethanol projects to improve their viability via value addition to their by-product namely molasses.

(c) The quantity of the production of Ethanol during the last three years, as available is as under:

Year	Production (in million litres)
2008-09	2264.86
2009-10	1830.40
2010-11	2046.47#

estimated

Production of Ethanol for the current year is not available as the season is in progress.