

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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FOOD SECURITY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that the use of foodgrains for production of alcohol and bio-fuels including ethanol will lead to a foodgrain crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto indicating the average monthly quantum of alcohol and ethanol produced in the country alongwith the volume of future trading in foodgrains during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken to meet the increasing demand of foodgrains in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a),(b)&(c): The information is being collected.