

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3110
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ETHANOL PRICING
Kumar Shri P.

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

- (a) whether the Indian Sugar Mills Association has urged the Government to revise the provisional ethanol price fixed in August last year and consider a clear pricing policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the price of ethanol recommended by the expert Committee is lower than its export price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b), (c) & (d): An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Saumitra Chaudhuri, Member, Planning Commission has recommended a formula for arriving at the price of ethanol. Indian Sugar Mills Association have requested for an early approval of the pricing formula for ethanol recommended by the Expert Committee. The Government have taken no decision in the matter.