

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to explore the possibility of producing ethanol from jawar, millet, maize and other foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. Ethanol is mainly produced from molasses, which is a by-product of sugar industry. According to the National Biofuel Policy announced by the Government, it would be ensured in future too, that the next generation technologies are based on non-food feedstocks.

(c)&(d): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy had got a Country Position Report on Ethanol prepared in March, 2008 for assessing the ground reality before framing a Biofuel Policy for the country. The report included, among other aspects, the production and consumption of ethanol, potential use of ethanol as a transport fuel, etc.