GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3098 ANSWERED ON:15.03.2013 BLENDING OF ETHANOL IN PETROL Viswanathan Shri P.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of instances of diversion of ethanol to chemical sector and steps taken thereon during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure ethanol supply from sugar-cane producing States; and
- (c) whether any retail petroleum dealer opt for blending more than 10 per cent of ethanol blending of petrol and if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

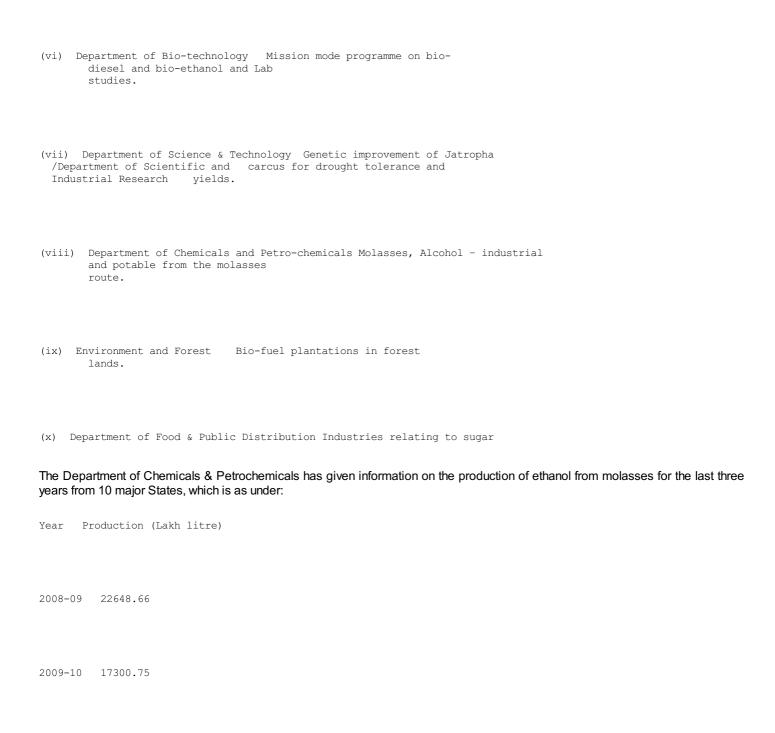
Answer

MINISTER of STATE in the MINISTRY of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The responsibility for handling work relating to Bio-fuels is as under:

S.No. Ministry/ Deptt. Responsibility

- (i) Ministry of New & Renewable Policy formulation and Energy coordination in respect of all policy issues relating to bio-fuels
- (ii) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation Issues relating to production of plant material, development of nurseries and plantations.
- (iii) Department of Agricultural Research Research in plant genetics and Education concerning bio-fuels.
- (iv) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas Marketing, distribution and retailing of bio-fuels and its blended products.
- (v) Department of Consumer Affairs Standards
- (vi) Ministry of Rural Developments Overall coordination of bio-fuel (Department of Land Resources) plant production.



Information on total consumption of ethanol by the Chemical Industries, is not available with Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

The Department of Food & Public Distribution has furnished 'NIL' information in this regard.

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(c) The Government, vide Notification No. 4(E) dated 2.1.2013, issued by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has allowed the Oil Marketing Companies to blend upto 10% of ethanol in Petrol, which can be sold through retail outlets.