

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

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USE OF GRAINS FOR ETHANOL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow use of grains including corn procured by it for production of ethanol instead of allowing it to rot in the godowns; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the views of other stakeholders including the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. The National Policy on Bio-fuel endeavours to facilitate and bring about optimal development and utilization of indigenous bio-mass feed-stocks for production of bio- fuel. The Indian approach to bio-fuels is based solely on non-food feedstocks to be raised on degraded or waste lands.