

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF MOLASSES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of molasses available in major sugarcane producing States during the last three years and the current year, year and State wise;
- (b) the quantum of ethanol produced from molasses during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for not using the maximum quantum of molasses;
- (d) the average price of petrol and ethanol blended Motor Spirit; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage mills for maximum utilization of molasses.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

- (a) & (b) the quantum of molasses as available in 10 major sugarcane producing States during last 3 years and the quantum of ethanol produced from molasses during the said period is at Annexure-I.
- (c) the maximum quantum of molasses, as available, is utilized for production of ethanol.
- (d) in the light of the recommendations made by the Expert Group, the Government has made the price of Motor Spirit (MS) market-determined with effect from 26.06.2010. Since then, the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on the pricing of Motor Spirit in line with the international oil prices and market conditions. At present, Retail Selling Price of Petrol (at Delhi) is Rs.66.09 per litre effective from 16th April, 2013.
- (e) the Government, vide notification dated 20.12.2007, has already allowed sugar factories to manufacture, at its option, ethanol directly from sugarcane juice or from molasses. The Government is granting loans from the Sugar Development Fund at a concessional rate to sugar factories to utilize molasses for production of ethanol or anhydrous alcohol.