

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

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USE OF ETHANOL BY CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) The quantum of ethanol being used by chemical industries in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the likely impact on chemical industries if ethanol-blended petrol is made mandatory;
- (c) whether the Ministry has opposed mandatory use of ethanol blended petrol in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a): The quantum of ethanol being used by chemical industries in the country during each of the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(Figures in crore liters)

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
			(Expected)
71	77	84	85-90

(Alcohol year Dec.-Nov, Source: Industry)

(b) to (d): The chemical industry apprehends that mandatory blending of ethanol in petrol is leading to rise in price of ethanol, as well as diminished availability for chemical industry. Their view has been conveyed to the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.