

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
REQUIREMENT OF FOODGRAINS FOR BIO FUELS .

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Will the Minister of COAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of foodgrains would be required to be used for bio-fuels in future which may result in food crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) Government's action plan and target concerning bio-fuel production and before-hand plan of Government to address the apprehension of food crisis?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

(DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The Indian approach differs from current international approaches towards biofuels. In India, biofuel production is based solely on non-food feedstocks to avoid any conflict with foodgrain production.

(c): A comprehensive National Policy on Biofuels has been approved by the Cabinet. The Policy provides an indicative road map and directions for production of biofuels from non-food feedstocks, their conversion and utilization.