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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1631  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**EFFORTS MADE BY GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE ETHANOL PRODUCTION**

1631 # **SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made by Government to encourage ethanol production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the reduction in imports since 2019, due to the increase in ethanol production?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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(a) & (b): Government of India has been implementing Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme throughout the country wherein Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) sell petrol blended with ethanol. Under EBP Programme, Government has fixed the target of 20% blending of ethanol with petrol by 2025-26.

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Under the programme, Central Government has taken various steps inter-alia to encourage ethanol production under EBP Programme which includes production of ethanol from a variety of feedstock; implementation of various ethanol Interest Subvention Schemes during 2018-22; fixation of remunerative prices of ethanol produced from different feed-stocks for supply to OMCs; reduction in Goods & Service Tax (GST) on ethanol meant for EBP Programme from 18% to 5%; promotion of maize as a major feedstock for ethanol production under Ethanol Blended with Petrol (EBP) Programme; Long Term Offtake Agreements (LTOAs) by OMCs with Dedicated Ethanol Plants (DEPs) etc.

(c): Government of India, since 2014, has taken several measures to meet the ethanol production / blending targets. During the last five years, EBP Programme helped in crude oil substitution of nearly 144 lakh metric tonnes as on 30.09.2024.

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