

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2603
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2026

RICE AND OTHER FOODGRAINS RELEASED FOR ETHANOL PRODUCTION

2603 SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the quantity of Rice and other grains, released by FCI for Ethanol production during the last three years and the current year till date;
- (b) whether instances of illegal diversion of Rice and other grains meant for Ethanol production has been reported in various States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year, till date;
- (d) whether Government has initiated inquiries into the alleged diversion of Rice and other grains released by FCI;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and outcome thereof, case-wise; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): The details of the quantity of rice released by FCI for ethanol production during the last three years and the current year till date is as under:

Financial Year	Quantity of Rice sold by FCI for ethanol production (in LMT)
2023-24	8.96
2024-25	2.36
2025-26	52.22
2026-27 (till 31.07.2026)	23.42

(b) & (c): In the last three years, no instances of the diversion of the Rice issued by FCI to concerned allottee distillery for Ethanol Production have been reported. However, two cases of diversion of FCI rice meant for ethanol production were detected in this FY 2026-27 by the Government agencies in the States of Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh and prompt action has been initiated.

(d) to (f): Following detection of irregularities in the movement of rice consignments by the two distilleries, State Food Departments have taken necessary action. FCI has also discontinued further allocation of rice to these distilleries.
