

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1204
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

EXTRACTION OF FUEL FROM SURPLUS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

1204. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has extended the ambit of the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme to extract fuel from surplus quantities of maize, jowar, bajra and fruit/vegetable waste and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made any strategy for the easy procurement of surplus quantities of maize, jowar, bajra and fruit/vegetable waste from the farmers and if so, the details thereof along with the MSP if any, fixed for the same;

(c) whether the Government is planning to open special counters/centers to procure surplus quantities of maize, jowar, bajra and fruit/vegetable waste and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has fixed any target for the purchase of surplus quantities of maize, jowar, bajra and fruit/ vegetable waste from the farmers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Yes, Madam. Government of India has already approved National Biofuel Policy 2018 in this regard. The policy include the scope of raw material for ethanol production by allowing use of sugarcane juice, sugar containing materials like sugar beet, sweet sorghum, starch containing materials like corn, cassava, damaged food grains like wheat, broken rice, rotten potatoes, unfit for human consumption for ethanol production. Besides, the policy allows use of surplus food grains for production of ethanol for blending with petrol with the approval of National Biofuel Coordination Committee held under the Chairmanship of Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

(b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare has not made any strategy in respect of National Biofuel Policy 2018.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Question does not arise in view of above.
