

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4545
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2021**

ETHANOL PRODUCTION CROPS

4545. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government gives subsidy directly to the farmers cultivating Ethanol Production crops and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to give subsidy directly to the farmers to encourage cultivating Ethanol production crops;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware of production cost of each litre of Ethanol in the country, if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a) to (c): No, sir. In order to ensure the food security of the country, the Government through Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 28 States and 2 UTs of the country for increasing the production and productivity of rice, wheat, pulses, coarse/nutri cereals, commercial crops (cotton, jute and sugarcane), oilseeds and oilpalm. NFSM is a crop production oriented scheme being implemented to ensure food security of the country and not with the objective of production of ethanol.

(d): The ethanol in the country is being produced from different feedstocks including sugarcane and foodgrains. The production cost of ethanol depends upon number of factors viz feed-stock, efficiency of the plant, cost of other inputs etc. The procurement price of ethanol for current Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2020-21 has been fixed as under:

(in Rs. per ltr.)

Feed stock	2020-21 (Dec-Nov)
Sugarcane juice	62.65
B- Heavy molasses	57.61
C-Heavy molasses	45.69
Damaged food grains	51.55
Rice available with FCI	56.87
Maize	51.55
