

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) Whether any project has been launched to produce Ethanol directly from sugarcane in view of its advantage over production from Molasses/Alcohol indicating the cost of production by using the different raw materials ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The likely impact of the said project on the domestic sugar production ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): As per information available from the sugar industry, two sugar mills produced ethanol from secondary cane juice on a trial basis, but are no longer producing ethanol directly from cane juice. Since no significant commercial production of ethanol from sugarcane juice route has taken place in India, it is yet to establish whether this is a more advantageous route than production of ethanol from molasses/alcohol.

(c): Does not arise.