

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JULY, 2017

PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL

1422. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to use sugarcane crops as feedstock for production of biofuels like ethanol;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether sugarcane from sugar mills is utilised for any other purposes at present and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which used up/ consumed sugarcane crop is disposed off currently in the Country?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Sugarcane, being an essential commodity, is not allowed to be used as a feedstock for production of bio-fuels like ethanol, as per the provisions of Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966. In view of the fact that sugarcane is used for production of sugar, which is an important daily dietary component and hence cannot be spared for the production of bio-fuels like ethanol.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Sugarcane is utilized by the sugar mills only for the production of sugar. During the processing of sugarcane; bagasse, press mud and molasses are generated as primary by-products which are used for co-generation of power, preparation of bio-manure and production of potable alcohol/ethanol/industrial alcohol respectively.
