

INDIAN ETHANOL SECTOR

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Demand and Supply of Ethanol



20% blending in the ESY 2025-26 = 1016 Cr Litres of Ethanol.(NITI Aayog)





- 2 ways : expand existing capacity (already done) & set up green field (only option)



New projects - price of ethanol manufactured from sugarcane juice/ sugar syrup has to be based on **Return on Equity** with a payback period of 5 years.



price arrived at by ISMA based upon ROE works to **Rs 69.85 per litre**to be further verified by an independent agency



Cost of production of ethanol from Sugarcane Juice/ Sugar Syrup



ConversionPollutionInterestGOVT. PRICESugar syrupSteam & Power ControlDepreciationCOP



Current Price of Ethanol ESY 21-22

Sources	Price per litre	
sugarcane juice, sugar / sugar syrup	Rs. 63.45	
B heavy molasses	Rs. 59.08	
C heavy molasses	Rs. 46.66	
Damaged Food Grains	Rs. 52.92	
Maize	Rs. 52.92	
Surplus Rice	Rs. 56.87	

GOVT FIXED PRICES.....OMC FIXED PRICES

In order to bring transparency and provide better level playing field to all producers of ethanol as also the concerned farmers, the price of ethanol manufactured from grain based feedstocks be fixed by the government.



Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) in Brazil

- Flex fuel engine technology is a well accepted concept in Brazil.
- About **90% of the vehicles** on road are FFVs.
- FFVs in Brazil operate with E27 or E100 Hydrous ethanol or any blend in between.
- FFVs were introduced in 2003.
- Currently they are manufacturing FFV- Hybrid, which gives a mileage of 22 km/ Ltrs.
- Vehicle technologies for ethanol are already proven along with the compatible fuel systems, globally and accepted by Niti Aayog also.
- The vehicular emission norms in Brazil are prescribed at 80 mg/km (NMOG + NOx both combined) whereas, in India NMHC has been prescribed at 68 and NOx at 60. Thus making a total of 128 mg/km. This will be required to be slightly modified.
- A comparative table showing emission norms in Brazil and India is showing in the following slide.





Changes in Norms of Vehicular Emissions

Item	Comments	PL 7 (Brazil) 01/2022	BS VI-B (India) 04/2023
Driving Cycle	The driving cycle influences the time required to heat- up catalyst and its average efficiency. IDC and WLTC are not known by Flex cars.	FTP75 (US cycle)	IDC Similar to European NEDC WLTC in 2025 (likely)
NMOG and NOx Limits	PL7 considers NMOG + NOx limit, while BS considers it separated limits. Note: PL7 NMOG is calculated based on std reactivity factors (MIR)	NMOG + NOx limit 80mg/km	NMHC: 68 NOx: 60 Sum = 128 mg/km
Particulate Limits	BS VI-B required particulate filter when driving with E20 (not developed for Flex). Ethanol presents much lower particulate # emission	6,0mg/km No limit for particle number	4,5 mg/km 6*10 ¹¹ #/km
Evap Limit	Limit of evaporated fuel measured in a std. test. PL7 limit already lower and in 2025 ORVR system obligatory in Brazil	<0,5 g/test Hot Soak Loss Test – 1 hr + Diurnal loss Test – 2 x 24 hr	<0,2 g/test Hot Soak Loss Test – 1 hr + Diurnal loss Test – 1 x 24 hr
RDE	Emission in a real drive condition with specific driving boundary conditions (ex. Start temperature). BS VI-B limit unclear.	Monitoring (no limit)	Compliance (limits TBD)
	On Board Diagnosis rules: Flex requires special adaptions (ex. No diagnosis during furl learning)	OBD – BR3 Adapted for Flex Fuel requirements	OBD II (as EU6-2)
Accept PL7 homologation for Flex Fuel vehicles (low environmental impact) until 4/27.			

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Other Solutions to Augment Supplies

- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MOPNG), has prescribed the procedure for opening of retail sale of petrol.
- A licensee should have a minimum net worth of at least **Rs 250 Crores** at the time of making the application and needs to set up 100 retail outlets.
- In addition to conventional fuels, the licensee can sale at least one biofuel along with the conventional fuel.
- Therefore, the condition of minimum net worth may be withdrawn for a sugar mill, which is already existing and they may be allowed to sale ethanol by putting 5-6 outlets in their area.
- As per the CPCB guidelines, two technologies are approved, i.e., biocomposting after bio-methanation of spent wash and incineration of spent wash after its concentration.
- In case of conversion of sugarcane juice/ syrup into ethanol, more than 90% of organic matter gets converted and hence the effluent so generated does not have higher COD/BOD.
- In Brazil the distilleries spread all their spent wash in the fields as the spent wash is richer in nutrients.
- In India **permission for one time controlled land application of spent wash** generated during manufacturing of ethanol from sugarcane juice may be granted.



Our Requests.....



FFVs may be launched immediately to achieve the blending targets.



To **attract green field projects price** of ethanol from sugarcane juice / sugar syrup should be **increased to Rs 69.85**



To **maintain transparency**, **price of grain** based ethanol should be **fixed by the Government**





Vehicular **emission norms may be modified slightly** to bring them at par with those prevalent in Brazil to **encourage the automobile manufacturer**



Sugar mills may be **allowed to retail ethanol by putting up 5-6 outlets** in their area, without any condition of minimum net worth as these mills are already existing and doing their business.



THANKS

