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To,

**Sh. Praveen Mal Khanooja**

Additional Secretary

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

**Subject: Roadmap for Ethanol blending beyond 2025.**

Respected Sir,

Many thanks for inviting our suggestions in Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) meeting held on 30.11.24 in Scope Convention Centre, New Delhi, to discuss 'Roadmap for Ethanol Blending Beyond 2025'.

As the majority stake-holder in ethanol supply chain, our key suggestion for Roadmap beyond 2025, is to focus on **sustaining the rural development and industrial investment which has been achieved due to EBPP**. For this we have the following recommendations:

1. Ethanol Blending percentage should be in line with feedstock availability in the country.
2. Blending percentage should be increased to secure the industrial capacity, which has been built-up as per calling by GOI.
3. Secure feedstock supply by facilitating surplus FCI rice, until there is sufficient maize to cover the blending targets.
4. Ethanol procurement price should be linked to maize MSP, so that maize cultivation remains profitable for farmers.
5. Secure the DEPs in current supply channel by issuance EOI-3 and eliminate the un-executed LTOAs from EOI-1 and EOI-2.
6. Support Dedicated Ethanol Plants by ensuring all promised incentives by Center (ISS) and States are released on time to the entitled DEPs.
7. Update Environmental Clearance conditions to allow the DEP's to produce by-products such as Corn Oil, Distillers' Grain Solid Cake, High-Protein grades of grain solids, etc.
8. Develop flexi-fuel vehicles and dispensing infrastructure for petroleum of different grades.
9. Prevent new built up of ethanol manufacturing capacities until feedstock is secured.

Tremendous growth in rural development, maize cultivation and rural employment has been achieved due to EBPP. Focus should be to sustain this extra-ordinary achievement by united efforts of GOI and private industry, lest this substantial growth is reverted 'back-to-square-one' or a series of NPAs, due to over-ambitious/ away-from-reality roadmap.

Once again, we are obliged for giving us an opportunity to convey our point of view in developing a realistic roadmap for ethanol blending beyond 2025.

Warm regards,



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Enclosed: Presentation on Roadmap beyond 2025.