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To,

**OMC Coordination Committee (BPCL, HPCL & IOCL)**

- i) Shri Anurag Saraogi, Chief General Manager- BPCL, Mumbai
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**Subject: Clarification on Feedstock Conversion for Booked Quantities in C-1 and C-2**

Respected Sir,

We would like to bring to your kind attention that Ethanol Tender Cycle-3 has been released with Surplus FCI rice as the sole grain feedstock option. This restriction limits the flexibility of feedstock conversion for ethanol production.

The 24 Lakh MT of surplus FCI rice allocated in Cycle-3 is entirely reserved for this tender, leaving no provision for grain-based ethanol units that have already booked supply capacities in Cycle-1 and Cycle-2.

In Tender C-1 and C-2, all grain-based ethanol units have collectively secured a supply capacity of approximately 600 crore liters, utilizing 490 crore liters from maize and 110 crore liters from DFG as feedstock. However, producing 490 crore liters of ethanol from maize alone would require around 12 million tons of maize grain, which is not sufficiently available domestically.

To ensure the successful achievement of the Ethanol Blending Program (EBP) targets, it is crucial to provide grain-based ethanol units the flexibility to convert their feedstock from maize/DFG to surplus FCI rice. However, Tender Cycle-3 does not include any provision for such a conversion, which places existing supplier units at a disadvantage.

**In light of the above, we respectfully seek clarification on the apparent disparity created by this situation and the opportunities available for ethanol manufacturing units that have already booked their capacities in C-1 and C-2.**

Your guidance on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Thanks & Regards



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