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To,

Shri Praveen Mal Khanooja Ji

Additional Secretary

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject: Request for Withdrawal of Denaturation Fee of ₹0.60/Litre on Ethanol by Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh Govt(s).

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the members of the Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA) from Uttarakhand, we wish to bring to your kind attention the recent imposition of a denaturation fee of ₹0.60 per litre on ethanol manufacturing by the Uttarakhand State Excise Department, as per Notification No. 176/XXIII-1/2025-04(01)/2025 dated 05 March 2025 (Page No. 46, Point No. 50).

A similar fee has also been imposed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, vide Notification No. 08/2025/255ई-2/तेरह-2025-01/2025-1888979 dated 06 February 2025 (Page No. 55, Point No. 14), at the same rate of ₹0.60 per litre.

The introduction of this fee under the various Govt. Excise Policies 2025–26 has resulted in an increased cost of ethanol production, adversely impacting the operational viability of manufacturing units and farmers in both states.

In light of the GOI push towards enhancing ethanol blending and promoting sustainable biofuels, such additional levies act as deterrents to the industry's growth and contradict the national policy objectives.

Therefore, we respectfully request your kind intervention to advise the respective State Governments to reconsider and reverse the imposition of this fee. Alternatively, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) may be directed to absorb the additional cost in the interest of maintaining supply chain stability and promoting ethanol blending targets.

We would also be grateful for an opportunity to meet in person to discuss this matter further and provide any necessary clarifications.

Thanking you for your kind attention and continued support.

With regards



Dr. C. K. Jain, President

Copy to: 1) OMC Coordination Committee (BPCL, HPCL & IOCL)

Attached: Excise policy of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh states.