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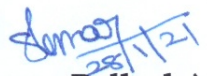
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Requirement of certification for consideration of proposals for expansion of distillery units for production of Ethanol intended for EBP under the provisions of S.O. 345(E) dated the 17th January, 2019 and S.O. 750(E) dated the 17th February, 2020 as category B2 – clarification - reg.**

Vide notification Number S.O. 345(E) dated the 17th January, 2019 and S.O. 750(E) dated the 17th February, 2020, consideration of expansion projects of sugar manufacturing or distilleries, intended to produce Ethanol for EBP Programme, as Category-B2 projects, was subject to a certificate from Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas stating that the proposal is for the purpose of blending bio-ethanol with petrol.

2. In this regard it is hereby clarified that certificate from any competent authority stating that the end use of the ethanol produced is for the purpose of blending with petrol shall be considered as sufficient compliance for the purpose of appraisal of project under category-B2.
3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
**(Sharath Kumar Pallerla)**  
**Director- IA (Policy)**

To

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