

The Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy (Amendment), 2022

INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE & PUBLIC ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE & PUBLIC ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT JANATA BHAWAN, BLOCK-C, 2ND FLOOR DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-6.

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur the 5th September, 2022

No.MI.44/2021/318:- The Governor of Assam is pleased to enunciate the "Assam Ethanol Production Promotion (Amendment) Policy, 2022". The Policy will come into effect from the date of notification and shall remain in force up to 31st March, 2026.

> Sd/-(Dr. Lakshmanan S., IAS) Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Industries, Commerce & Public Enterprise Department

Memo No.MI.44/2021/318-A Copy to:

Dated Dispur the 5th September, 2022

- The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Department 1) of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi-110011.
- All Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary to 2) the Govt. of Assam.
- The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6. 3)
- The Resident Commissioner to the Govt. of Assam, Assam House, New Delhi. 4)
- The Agricultural Production Commissioner, Assam. 5)
- All Commissioner of Divisions, Assam. 6)
- The Commissioner of Taxes, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-6. 7)
- All Principal Secretaries of the Autonomous Councils. 8)
- All Deputy Commissioners, for information. 9)
- The Staff Officer to Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahti-6 for kind 10) appraisal of Chief Secretary.
- The Commissioner, Industries & Commerce, Assam, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. He 11) is requested to make wide circulation of this notification and to upload in the website.
- The Managing Director, AIIDC, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. He is requested to upload 12) the same in the website.
- The Managing Director, AIDC Ltd., R.G. Baruah Road, Guwahati-24. He is requested to 13) upload the same in the website.
- The Managing Director, ASIDC Ltd., Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. He is requested to 14) upload the same in the website.
- The Deputy Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam with a request to publish the 15) Notification in the next issue of the Gazette and to submit 100 copies of the Gazette
- All General Manager, DI&CC, for information. 16)
- P.S. to Minister, Industries & Commerce Department for kind apprisal of the Hon'ble 17) Minister.
- All P.S. to Ministers/Ministers of State, Government of Assam. 18)
- The P.S. to Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Industries, Commerce & PE Department, 19) Dispur, for information.
- Investment Cell for uploading the same in the Departmental website. 20)

21) Office Copy.

> to the Govt. of Assam Joint Secretary

By order etc

25/09/2022

Industries, Commerce & Public Enterprise Department

1. Introduction:

After the existing content under the para "Introduction", the following shall be added:

"In order to strengthen the ethanol production in Assam and further to facilitate the upcoming ethanol units in the State, it has been found expedient to amend the Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021 as "The Assam Ethanol, Production Promotion Policy (Amendment), 2022".

2. Objectives:

There shall be no change in the content of this Para.

3. Coverage and Scope

3.1 Eligibility for type of Units

Eligibility for type of Units Only green-field standalone distilleries (single feed or dual feed) producing and supplying Ethanol to Oil Manufacturing Companies (OMCs) under Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) of Government of India, shall be eligible for incentive under this Policy.

In case of production capacity proposed by the proponent exceeds production output approved by OMCs in procurement agreement under EBP, such ethanol manufacturing units shall be allowed to sell ethanol to buyers other than OMCs provided the entity does not violate any clauses procurement contract under Ethanol Blending Programme.

3.2 Eligibility for Type of Feedstocks:

There shall be no change in the content of this sub-Para.

4. Incentives to Ethanol Manufacturing Units:

There shall be no change in the content of this Para.

4.1 Guiding Principles

The contents of the sub-para 4.1 shall remain unchanged.

4.2 Incentives under this Policy

100% SGST reimbursement for a period of 5 years, upper limit being 250% of Fixed Capital Investment for ethanol sold to OMCs under contract agreement. [N.B. The upper limit under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam, 2019 is 150% of Fixed Capital Investment for a period of 15 years]

In place of the existing tabular content of sub-para 4.2, the following shall stand inserted:

Sl. No.	Type of Incentive	Quantum of incentive
1.	Power Subsidy	Eligible entities can claim power subsidy proposed under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 or its future amendments.
2.	Interest Subvention Incentive	5% interest subsidy on working capital loan for 5 years subject to an overall ceiling of INR 50 lakhs per annum; in addition to the 2% interest subsidy offered under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 as per the ceiling mentioned in the policy.
3.	Tax-Related Incentives	100% SGST reimbursement for a period of 5 years, upper limit being 250% of Fixed Capital Investment. [N.B. The upper limit under Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 is 150% of Fixed Capital Investment for a period of 15 years].
4.	Exemption of Land Conversion Fees	100% exemption of fees for conversion of class of land to industrial land.
5.	Employment Cost Subsidy	50% reimbursement (in case of male workers) and 100% reimbursement (in case of female workers) of expenditure on account of contribution toward ESI and EPF scheme for a period of 5 years for new units for those employees who are permanent residents of Assam; subject to a maximum limit of INR 1000/- per month per employee.
6.	Skill Development Subsidy	Skill Development Subsidy of INR 20,000 per employee or ASDM rates, whichever is lower. This incentive will be applicable only for training of employees who are permanent residents of the State.

Onetime benefit for one employee.
Capital subsidy at 20% of the cost of Plant and Machinery, with maximum INR 8.75 crores.

4.3 Dovetailing with Central and State Government policies and Schemes:

Dovetailing with Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam, 2019 and other relevant policies of the State Government and Central Government shall be allowed under the Policy, subject to specific conditions as defined in this Policy and its Operational Guidelines to be formulated under Clause 7 of this Policy. (b) Sub-section 4.3 (a) and (b) under section 4 detailing incentives offered by Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam 2019 and NEIDS 2017 stands omitted in Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy (Amendment), 2022.

5. Policy Implementation, Monitoring and Grievance Redressal

There shall be no change in the content of this sub-Para.

6. General Conditions

Subsection 6 (iii) of Section 6 detailing liability of ethanol entities stands omitted in Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy (Amendment), 2022

7. Operational Guidelines:

There shall be no change in the content of this Sub-Para.

8. Period of Validity of Policy:

There shall be no change in the content of this Sub-Para.

Sd/-(Dr. Lakshmanan S., IAS)

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Department of Industries, Commerce & Public Enterprise