Food-Grain based Alcohol

Facts, Concerns and Action

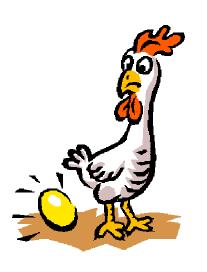
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What do we know?

- Food grains
- PDS or Ration
- Subsidy
- Alcohol brands
- Effects of alcohol
- Alcohol from food grains scheme



Farmers' Plight?





"Vision" of the Government

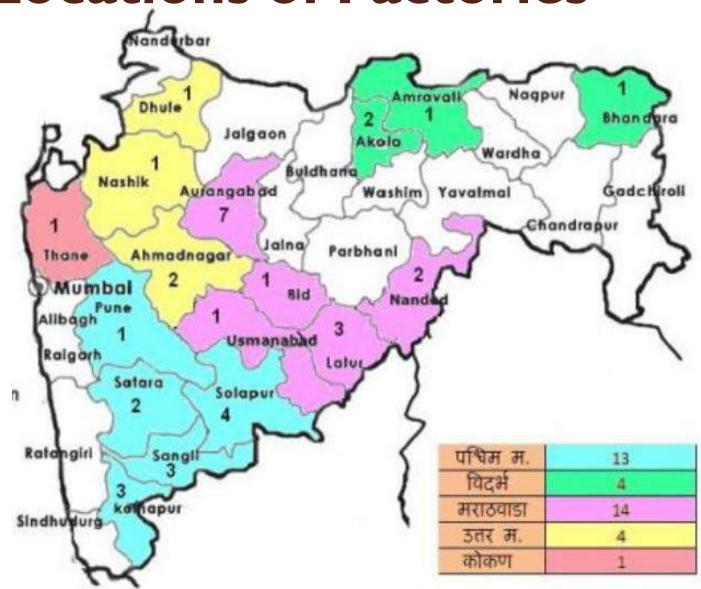
- For better utilization of bad or rotten food-grains
- To offer better prices to food grains in the market and to support rain-fed farmers of Vidarbha and Marathwada
- To meet the demand of grain liquor in European countries

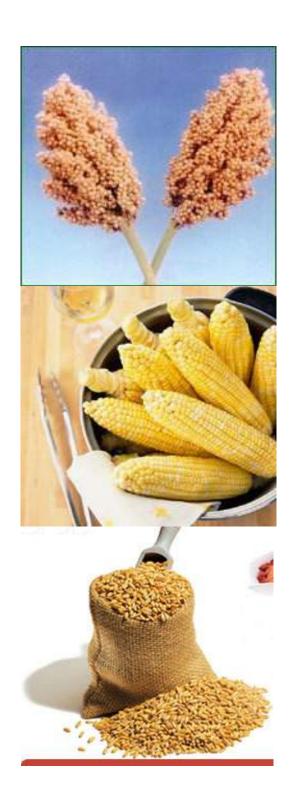
- Why subsidy?
 - Process of manufacturing alcohol from grains is costlier than molasses by
 Rs. 6 to 7 per liter
 - Hence Government has offered subsidy of Rs. 10 per litter of alcohol produced

The Scheme

- Food Grain based liquid and integrated material Financial
 Aid 2007
- Alcohol from food grains jawar, bajra, corn, wheat, rice
- Policy to promote only potable alcohol (i.e. liquor) not the industrial alcohol
- Sell of liquor is permitted within Maharashtra state only
- Purchase of grains from Maharashtra state only
- Total permitted factories 36

Locations of Factories













Facts - Subsidy

Rs. 10 for each liter of potable alcohol produced

Subsidy of up to Rs. 50 crore for each factory

Already distributed Rs. 8.93 crore to three factories
 (Till January 2010)

Facts - Quantum of Alcohol

- Annual alcohol production capacity 46.9 crore liters
- One liter absolute alcohol ~ 2.2 liters of liquor
- Liquor production 103 crore liters per annum
- Liquor production 28 lakh liters per day

Facts - Grain Requirement

- One liter of Alcohol needs 2.8 kg of grains
- 47 crore liters of alcohol will consume 13 lakh tons

of grains per annum

Subsidy for Liquor!?

- Subsidy essential commodities like kerosene,
 cooking gas, chemical fertilizers and fuel
- Is liquor essential?
- What is the source of the subsidy?

Why should we common men shell out for benefits of few grain liquor producers?

 Alcohol production is a profit industry for the government ~ Revenue of Rs. 4000 crore per annum

Grain Liquor and Food Security

- According to ICMR, in India per capita per year consumption of grains = 150 kg (recommendation is for eating more)
- Requirement of Maharashtra with 10.5 crore population
 - = 10.5 crore * 150 kg = 1575 crore kg ~ 1500 crore kg
 - ~ **150 lakh tons** of grains
- The total grain production (including wheat, rice, maize, jawar, bajra and nachani) in Maharashtra for the year

2006-07 = **101** lakh tons (Directorate of Economics and Statistics, India)

2007-08 = 123 lakh tons

2008-09 = 98 lakh tons

Do we have sufficient grains?

- And this year, we are facing drought....
- We are a state with food shortage!
- Maharashtra imported 25.34 lakh tons of cereals to fulfill the hunger of its people (Economic Survey of Maharashtra 2007-08)
- Total 14% of produced food grains are diverted for grainliquor production
- 13 lakh tons is yearly grain requirement of 86 lakh people
- Procurement is to be from Maharashtra state only

Do we have rotten or extra grains of 13 lakh tons per annum?

No data available with the government!

Alternative Solution of PDS

 We import wheat and rice from Haryana and Punjab under PDS

(000' tonnes)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Wheat	1563	1381	1274	1518
Rice	947	1124	425	439

- Government can procure jawar and bajara from farmers instead of huge import
- Impact
 - Farmers will get good returns.
 - Poor people will get local grains to eat. No need to change food culture.

In India, 18 states already started procuring local grains under Public distribution System (PDS).



Who are the Factory Owners?

- Amit Deshmukh (son of ex CM Vilasrao Deshmukh)
- Pankaja Palave (daughter of BJP leader Gopinath Munde)
- Vimaltai Mundada (ex Health Minister)
- Govindrao Aadik (MLA, NCP)
- Sunil Birajdar (ex Mayor Navi Mumbai, NCP)
- Dhaval Pratapsingh Mohite Patil (nephew of ex PWD Minister)
- 27 out of 36 factories are owned by politicians from ruling and opposing parties and/or their relatives

Industrial Alcohol OR Liquor

If used for industrial purposes,
 I liter alcohol = Rs. 27

If converted to potable liquor,

I liter alcohol = 2.2 liter liquor

= 2.2 * Rs. 533

= Rs. 1173

• What will be prepared?

Does this benefit the farmer?

- I liter alcohol = 2.8 kg grains
- I kg jawar = Rs. 10
- So, I liter alcohol = jawar of Rs. 28
- I liter alcohol = 2.2 liter liquor
- I liter liquor = Rs. 533
- So, jawar of Rs. 28 ~ liquor of Rs. 1173
- Farmer's share ~ 2.39%
- Govt. gets Rs. 450 out of Hiter of alcohol

How much money is involved?

- Total production = 103 crore liter
- Its all IMFL (Indian Made Foreign Liquor)
- Rate: I liter liquor = Rs. 533
- Total = 103 crore * Rs. 533
 - ~ Rs. 54899 crore (per year)
 - ~ Rs. 550 billion (per year)
- वर्षाला पाचशे पन्नास् अब्ज रुपयांची दारु!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

We can...

- Read, Write and Talk to people
- Signature campaign public places, residential complexes
- E-mail campaign, Postcard campaign
- Orkut, Facebook, YouTube Spread the information
- Write to the CM/ PM/ The President
- Role plays, street plays, songs
- Rally / Morcha, Strike / Dharane
- Fast
- Pass the resolution in Gram Sabha
- RTI / File petition in the court

Actions across MH

 Awareness drives in colleges, villages and public places

Sign campaigns and postcard campaigns

Dialogue with SHGs and Gram Sabha

Rallies



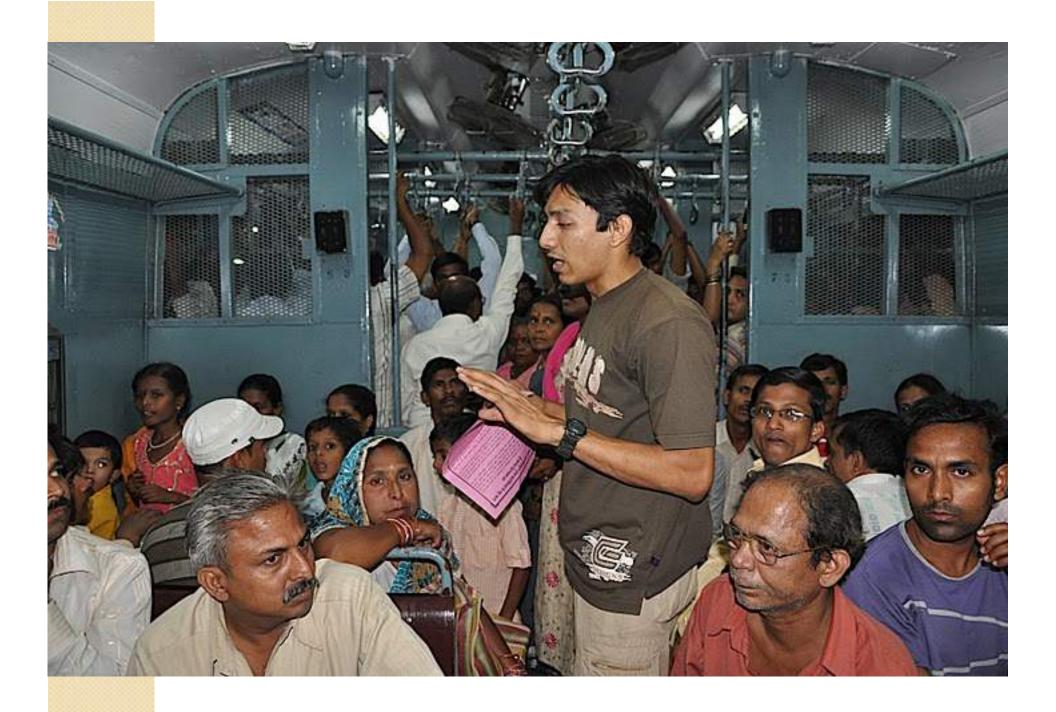










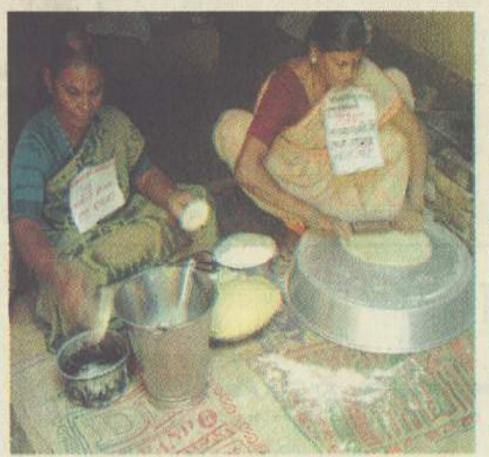


धान्यापासून दारु : 'निर्माण'चे प्रतिकात्मक उपोषण

गडचिरोली, ४ जानेवारी / वार्ताहर

धान्यापासून दारू बनवण्याच्या निर्णयामुळे महाराष्ट्रात धान्याचा तुटवडा निर्माण होईल, समाजात दारू वाढेल, युवक पिढी व्यसनी होईल व समाजात अराजकता निर्माण होईल. समाजाला अंधाराच्या खाईत ढकलणाऱ्या शासनाच्या या धोरणाचा विरोध म्हणून एक जानेवारीपासून 'निर्माण'च्या युवकांनी प्रतिकात्मक उपोषण सुरू केले आहे.

धरणे किंवा मोर्चे काढून विरोध करण्यापेक्षा जिथे आहोत तिथे राहून व काम करत हे उपोषण सुरू आहे. मानवी साखळी तयार करणारे हे उपोषण आहे. निर्माण युवकापासून सुरू झालेल्या या उपोषणात अनेकजण सहभागी होत आहेत. एक जानेवारीला अमृत बंग, पवन पाटील, महेश देशमुख व नित्या क्रिष्णन यांच्यापासून सुरू झालेल्या या उपोषणासाठी आजपर्यंत ६५ लोकांनी नावे



घरातील कामासोबत गावकऱ्यांचे उपोषणही सुरू आहे.

यादीत नमूद केली आहेत. रोज नवीन सहकारी या उपोषणात सहभागी होऊन ही साखळी पुढे चालवत आहेत. ४ जानेवारीला सर्च संस्थेतील विमल सहारे व अंजना नेवारे यांनी तसेच निर्माणचे सागर अत्रे व गोपाल महाजन यांनी उपोषण केले आहे.

गडचिरोलीपासून सुरू झालेल्या या साखळीत चंदीगडचे प्रीत, अमेरिकेचे ऐमी मॅथ्यू, कर्नाटकचे प्रमल लाड, पाँडेचेरीचे सुतीर्थ रॉय यांचीही नावे उपोषणासाठी नमूद केली आहेत. १९२० साली स्वातंत्र्य संग्रामाच्या वेळी महात्मा गांधींनी सांगितलेल्या वैयक्तिक सत्याग्रहाच्या संकल्पनेवर आधारित हे उपोषण असून प्रत्येकाने या उपोषणात सहभागी व्हावे, शासनाच्या धोरणामुळे ज्या लोकांवर उपासमारीची वेळ येईल त्यांच्या दुःखाच्या सह-अनुभूतीसाठी तसेच शासनाच्या धोरणाला कडाडून विरोध करण्यासाठी पुढे यावे, असे आवाहन निर्माणच्यावतीने करण्यात आले आहे.

http://foodtoalcohol.word press.com या संकेतस्थळाला भेट देऊन कुणालाही या उपोषणात भाग घेता येईल.

Consortium

- A state level Daru Virodhi Parishad held on 11th January at Mumbai
- Around 1200 people from 22 different organizations participated



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FOOD vs Liquor











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अभिजित घोरपडे , पुणे, ८ फेब्रुवारी

(Source: Loksatta)

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