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■ **Cabinet Approves Amendments to National Policy on Biofuels**

The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels - 2018. The amendments are intended to allow more feedstocks for the production of biofuels, advance the ethanol blending target of 20 percent blending of ethanol in petrol and promote the production of biofuels in the country. Besides, the amended policy also provides for adding new members to the National Biofuel Coordination Committee (NBCC) and grant permission for the export of biofuels in specific cases. The amendments will pave the way for 'Make in India' drive thereby leading to a reduction in import of petroleum products through the generation of more biofuels. Since many more feed stocks are being allowed for production of biofuels, this will promote the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and give an impetus to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of India becoming energy independent by 2047.