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Tripling the production of Biofuels by 2022 is an ambitious plan but the proposal to use various kinds of farm produce for this purpose is not beyond dispute. Critically discuss

PROBLEMS IN USING FARM PRODUCE

1) It distorts the pattern of agriculture output to increase in energy crops in place of other crops which is already experienced by the land rich countries.

2) The ethanol Manufacturing Companies are allowed to choose their feed stock from a variety of farm crops like

- a) Sugarcane Juice
- b) Beetroot and Cassava
- c) Maize and Sorghum
- d) damaged food grains like wheat, rice, and potato.

These food crops mentioned above are energy source for both humans and animals. And such a move would reduce the amount of food available.

3) The land requirement of biofuel crops would compete with that for food and feeder crops, causing food prices to increase.

4) farmers would be encouraged to

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Cultivate more water Intensive Crop at
the cost of other Crops.

5) The new policy proposes to use non-
edible oil seeds and shorter gestation oil
seeds which are used in pharmaceuticals,
Cosmetics and other Industries.

In this connection there is a need for
changes in the policy to push for initiatives
that are in best interest of the country.

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