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Managing uncertainties in biomass supply chain management: Case study from India

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by 2022, to reduce import dependence of fossil fuels by 10% from current levels by year 2022. These biorefinery would need approx. 120-140 MT per annum of multiple type of biomass. Handling such huge quantum of biomass is itself a challenge and hence biomass assessment and supply chain management is the key feature/tool for the commercialization of bio refinery. Supply Chain Management of Biomass: Characteristic of biomass supply chain is typically comprised of some distinct processes as harvesting, collection, transportation, pretreatment, storage and end use, which is crucial for success of bioenergy production. This paper aims to present framework for the multibiomass supply chain management with various tools/ dimensions to maximize the utilization capacity with minimizing the inputs

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