

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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OILSEEDS BASED BIO-DIESEL

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether his Ministry has prepared an action plan to launch pilot projects to promote the use of oilseeds based bio-diesel as an alternative fuel in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the plants which identified for extraction of bio-diesel;
- (d) whether the Union Government have also directed the State Governments to increase the production of oilseeds to meet the demand of oil seeds based bio-diesel;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the State Governments in this regard; and
- (f) the assistance Government propose to give to State Governments to boost the production of oilseeds?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): An Action Plan to launch the pilot project for organizing compact plantation, oil extraction, esterification and its marketing of *Jatropha curcas* (Ratanjyot) has been prepared to promote the oilseeds based bio-diesel. The Marketing arrangements are being explored with Ministry of Petroleum.

(c): *Jatropha curcas* (Ratanjyot) and *Pongamia pinnata* (Karanja ) have been identified for extraction of bio-diesel.

(d) to (f): The concept is at initial stages.