

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3460
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USE OF BIO-DIESEL AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have come out with an action plan to launch pilot projects in different States to promote bio-diesel as an alternative fuel;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are exploring the contract farming avenues to promote oil palm cultivation;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have decided to consult experts who would work out various details including the technical and commercial linkages, cost of production of bio-diesel;
- (d) if so, whether a meeting of the concerned Central and State Departments have been convened to discuss the pilot project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government is contemplating an action plan to launch pilot project in different states to promote bio-diesel as an alternative fuel.
- (b): The concept of the contract farming for promoting the cultivation of oil palm is at initial stages.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.