

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF JATROPHA

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether approval has been accorded to over Rs.1200 crore demonstration project for cultivation of jatropha in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan under the National Mission on Bio-diesel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the hectares of land likely to be brought under jatropha cultivation over a period of 5 years, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A. NARENDRA )

(a) to (d) No, Sir. However, the Planning Commission has accorded 'in-principle' approval for the demonstration phase of the National Mission on Bio- diesel for plantation of Jatropha curcas in 4 lakh hectares of wastelands in both forest and non- forest areas over a period of 5 years. It is proposed that Jatropha plantation would be taken up primarily on panchayat/community/government wastelands to demonstrate feasibility and profitability of Jatropha cultivation to the private growers/entrepreneurs.

(e) State-wise area likely to be brought under Jatropha cultivation is annexed.