

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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BIO-FUEL PLANTATION

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

- (a) the details of schemes formulated for bio-fuel plantation alongwith the funds allocated thereunder, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received any project reports on bio-diesel from certain organizations including TERI;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether certain States have announced a number of schemes for cultivation of Jatropha for development of bio-diesel and have also submitted proposals to the Government in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on each such proposal, State-wise; and
- (f) the further steps proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the cultivation of Jatropha and other trees for producing bio-fuel ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE AND MINISTRY OF FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A. NARENDRA)

(a),(b)&(c) No State-wise allocations have been made so far for Jatropha plantations. The Ministry of Rural Development had commissioned The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for plantation of Jatropha in 4.00 lakh hectares wastelands in the country both in forest and non- forest areas and submitted the same to the Planning Commission for 'In principle approval'. A tentative

allocation of Rs.50 crore has been made to the project in the current financial year

(2005-2006).

(d)to(f) States like Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Chattisgarh, Uttaranchal and Rajasthan have taken initiatives on their own to popularize cultivation of Jatropha for production of bio-diesel. These and other States have been included for assistance under the proposed 'National Mission on Bio-Diesel'. In order to encourage cultivation of Jatropha on a large scale, it is proposed to provide necessary subsidy and credit linkages in consultation with State Governments, NABARD, commercial banks, oil processing units and others concerned. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has also announced a Bio-Diesel Purchase Policy on 9th October 2005. Under this policy, with effect from 1.1.2006, the public sector oil marketing companies will purchase bio-diesel at a uniform price of Rs.25 per litre, which meets the fuel quality standard prescribed by the Bureau of Industrial Standards (BIS) specification formulated vide PCD3(2242)C dated 26.7.2004. The uniform price once fixed shall be in operation for six months, at the end of which it would be reviewed.