

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING FOR JATROPHA PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jatropha plantation project has failed to take off as the farmers growing Jatropha have little knowledge about this crop and were not imparted any training in this regard; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide training to farmers about the inputs required and technique to be employed for growing Jatropha crop?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR.RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b) At present, there is no programme/scheme being implemented by the Ministry for jatropha plantation. However, the Central Government has initiated steps for launching a coordinated programme, called 'National Mission on Bio-Diesel', with Ministry of Rural Development as the nodal ministry, for taking up large- scale plantations of jatropha on public wastelands including research & development, awareness/capacity building activities to growers. The proposal for launching a demonstration phase of the National Mission on Bio-diesel is under consideration of the Government.