

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1960
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BIO FUEL PLANTATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal to the Union Government to start Bio-fuel plantation projects in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Union Government has approved the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when approval is to be accorded in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Gujarat Government has submitted a proposal for Jatropha Mission to the Government of India and two projects for biofuel plantation to the National Oil Seeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board.
- (c), (d) & (e) The NOVOD Board has approved the two projects for Rs. 137.42 lacs . The other proposal for Jatropha mission has been included in the detailed project report (DPR).