

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

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BIOFUEL CROPS IN FOREST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to use forest land for growing biofuel crops;
- (b) if so, the details of States where the crops are likely to be grown; and
- (c) the funds allocated/ to be allocated for this purpose in the eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) In view of reply to part (a), question does not arise.
- (c) No separate fund has been allocated for growing of bio-fuel crops in forest but an advisory has been issued by National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme to take up 10% of the NAP project area under Jatropha plantation if it is indigenous to the area and such plantation activity is part of an overall Afforestation programme for the forest area.