

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1650
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PLANTATION OF BIO-FUEL PLANTS ON NON-FOREST/BARREN LAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has indentified non-forest and barren land for the plantation of bio-fuel plants in the country;
- (b) If so, the details of such land in hectares identified for the purpose during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the areas of such land in hectares;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

- (a) For the plantation of bio-fuel plants in the country, the Department of Land Resources has not identified non-forest and barren land.
- (b) & (c) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) Bio- diesel Programme of the Department of Land Resources has been agreed in principle by the Cabinet subject to the condition that an assessment is carried out of the plantation work already undertaken in the country and positive feedback received and availability of Budget. Accordingly, Department is taking up a study. Therefore, the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development has not started execution of the Programme of Bio-diesel Mission.