

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION OF JATROPHA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the States where cultivation of Jatropha is being carried out;
- (b) the details of allocation made to various States for cultivation of Jatropha, State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of Jatropha produced during each of the last three years, Statewise; and
- (d) the reasons for not allocating funds to the remaining States alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Details pertaining to area under model plantation of Jatropha and funds allocated to States by National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board, a statutory body under NOVOD Board Act, 1983 under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation are at Annexure.

(c): Cultivation of Jatropha is currently at the stage of model plantation and the purpose is to ensure availability of quality planting material to the farmers in subsequent years. Gestation period of Jatropha is three to four years, depending upon agro-climatic conditions.

(d): The potential States are being covered depending upon the availability of government/institutional wastelands.