

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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MIXING OF JATROPHA OIL IN DIESEL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government had decided to mix Jatropa oil in diesel with a view to increase the availability of diesel and to reduce its prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the decision is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHR1JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): The National Policy on Bio-fuels has been notified by the Government in December 2009, which has laid down detailed guidelines about introduction of bio-fuel including bio-diesel made from Jatropa.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas announced a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy effective from 01-01-2006. Under this scheme Oil Marketing Companies would purchase bio-diesel for blending with High Speed Diesel (HSD) to the extent of 5% at identified 20 purchase centres across the country.

Since Bio-diesel was not available at the declared price by OMCs, blending of bio-diesel with High Speed Diesel could not be set in motion.