

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF BIO-FUEL BY RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are spending several lakh rupees on planting of Jatropha tree along its railway tracks to produce bio-fuel;
- (b) if so, the details about the plans and projects regarding the production of bio-fuel from Jatropha and using the alternative fuel in Railways; and
- (c) the total value of money spent for this experiment and project till date by the Railways?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) No, Madam. Planting of Jatropha seeds/saplings is undertaken by Railways departmentally, through State Forest Department and through contracts at nominal cost.
- (b) Railway propose initially to set up four Bio-diesel plants which have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.78.49 crores. Two Bio-diesel plants are likely to be installed at Raipur (Chattisgarh) and Tondiarpet (Chennai) during the next two years and balance two plants will be set up subsequently. 10% Bio-diesel blended with petro diesel has been technically cleared for use in diesel locomotives of Indian Railways.
- (c) Expenditure will be incurred only after placement of order and subsequent supplies.