

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AREA UNDER BIO FUEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area under bio-fuel crops during each of the last three years, Statewise;
- (b) whether increase in fuel price is likely to shift more agriculture area for cultivation of Jatropha and rapeseed;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the same?

Answer

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(a): Details are at Annexure.

(b) to (d): The National Policy on Bio-fuels clearly states that plantations on agricultural lands will be discouraged. Plantations of trees bearing non-edible oilseeds will be taken up on government/community wasteland, degraded or fallow land in forest and non-forest areas.