

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON BIO-DIESEL

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from some State Governments for bio-diesel programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken by the Union Government thereon, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has allocated or released funds for the rural development project on bio-diesel for various State Governments particularly for Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat States for the period 2008 to 2013;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which the demanded funds are likely to be released to the State Governments?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Funds have not been released for project on bio-diesel, to State Governments by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development for the period 2008 to 2013. It is further informed that launching of a `Demonstration Phase of National Mission on Bio- diesel` 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. Accordingly the Ministry has invited Expression of Interest (EOI) from government organizations and reputed research and academic institutions to conduct assessment study of plantation work already undertaken in the country. At present, there is no scheme of funding project on bio-diesel in the Department.