

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:239
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2010
PROCUREMENT OF BIO-DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of purchase centres of the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies functioning in the country;
- (b) the quantum of bio-diesel purchased by these centres during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Oil Marketing Companies to ensure that bio-diesel purchased by these centres conform the prescribed standards?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (c) The statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 239 (19th Position) BY SHRI K. SHIVAKUMAR ALIAS J.K. RITHEESH TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2010 REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF BIO-DIESEL.

(a) to (c) Under the scheme of Bio-diesel Purchase Policy launched by the Government in 2005, PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have opened 20 purchase centres (details given at Annexure) across the country for purchasing Bio-diesel meeting the BIS specifications B-100 (IS- 15607) for the purpose of blending it with High Speed Diesel to the extent of 5%.

Due to non-availability of suppliers, OMCs have not been able to purchase any quantity of Bio-diesel at the identified purchase centres till date.