

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

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BIO-DIESEL PURCHASE POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had announced Bio-diesel Purchase Policy in October 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof: and
- (c) the progress made under this policy so far alongwith the present status?

**Answer**

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas announced a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy effective from 1.1.2006. Under this scheme, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) would purchase bio-diesel for blending with High Speed Diesel (HSD) to the extent of 5% at 20 identified purchase centres across the country.

Since Bio-diesel was not available at the declared price, blending of bio-diesel with HSD could not be set in motion.