

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5077
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CULTIVATION OF BIO-FUEL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any policy guidelines for cultivation of bio-fuel crops in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government provides any assistance to the State Governments to encourage cultivation of such crops; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There are no policy guidelines formulated by Ministry of Agriculture for cultivation of bio-fuel crops in the country. However, National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board, a statutory body set up by Act of Parliament (29 of 1983), under the administrative control of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, is promoting Jatropha and Karanja as a source of Bio-fuel on Government Institutional Wastelands through various research / implementing agencies such as Indian Council of Agricultural Research, State Agricultural Universities, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Indian Council of Forest Research Institute etc.

(c): The Government of India does not provide any assistance to the State Governments to encourage cultivation of such crops.

(d): Question does not arise.