

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF INEDIBLE OILSEEDS FOR BIO FUEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have been coordinating for the cultivation of inedible oilseeds for bio- fuel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. However, National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board, a statutory body under the administrative control of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for cultivation of Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs) in the country which provide edible and inedible oils. The Board is not doing the work on bio-fuel.

(b): Question does not arise.