

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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ALTERNATIVE FUELS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working on the development of alternative fuels of petrol and diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such fuels are likely to be made available in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): With a view to supplement the supply of petrol and diesel, initiatives have been taken to explore the possibility of utilizing biofuels namely bio-ethanol and bio-diesel, and hydrogen. The National Policy on Biofuels, announced in December, 2009, proposes a target of 20% blending of bio-diesel with diesel and bio-ethanol with petrol by 2017.

(c): A mandatory target of 5% blending of ethanol with petrol is in force since October, 2009. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas announced a Bio-diesel Purchase policy with effect from January 1, 2006 for blending of upto 5% bio-diesel.