

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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FUNDING OF RESEARCH ON FUEL
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering setting up a nodal agency to fund research on fuels and hydrogen based combustion systems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering incentives for auto companies to invest in alternative fuel research; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is supporting Research and Development (R&D) projects at various academic / research institutions and industry, on biofuels and hydrogen energy, including applications of hydrogen in internal combustion engines and fuel cells for producing motive power / electricity. For implementation of the R&D projects, financial assistance of up to 100% of the project cost is provided by the Ministry. However, the Ministry is presently considering neither any proposal to set up a nodal agency to fund research on fuels and hydrogen based combustion systems nor providing incentives to auto companies to invest in alternate fuel research.