

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:373
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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) the details of the Bio-diesel Purchase Policy being implemented in the country;
- (b) the number of centres of the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies for purchasing bio-diesel functioning in the country, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether bio-diesel is being produced commercially in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for production of bio-diesel in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (Dr. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) to (e) The statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.373 (13TH POSITION) BY SHRI IYARAJ SINGH AND SHRI HARISH CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH 2013 REGARDING BIO-DIESEL PURCHASE POLICY

(a) &(b) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas had announced a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy in 2005 effective from 1.1.2006. Under this scheme, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) proposed to purchase

In terms of this policy, the procurement price of bio-diesel is announced by the OMCs, at purchase centres is Rs.37.50 per litre. Suppliers have not come forward to offer bio-diesel at the declared price so far.

A list of purchase centres opened by OMCs across the country is at Annexure.

(c) to (e) A National Policy on Bio-fuels has been notified by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India in December 2009, to bring about accelerated development and promotion of the cultivation, production and use of bio-fuels including bio-diesel to increasingly substitute fuel for transport and other applications.

As per the Policy, the responsibility for storage, distribution & marketing of Bio-fuels would rest with OMCs. The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have also undertaken Jatropha plantation in the states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The plantations are yet to mature.

Overall coordination of bio-fuel plant production is the mandate of Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, who have informed that they are not implementing any programme for Bio-diesel Production in the country.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, which is responsible for policy formulation and coordination in respect of all policy issues relating to Bio-fuels, it is supporting Research and Development Projects for development of bio diesel.