

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

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BIO DIESEL FROM AGRICULTURAL WASTE
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for promotion and production of bio-diesel from agricultural waste in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the recent initiatives, research and development and other measures taken by the Government for the production and promotion of alternative fuel like bio-diesel on a large scale:and
- (c) the extent to which Government has achieved success in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The Ministries of New and Renewable Energy and Science & Technology have sanctioned financial support for about ten Research and Development projects on production of bio-diesel from agricultural wastes and residues. Research on development and cultivation of improved varieties of Jatropha for increasing the production of bio-diesel has also been taken up under projects funded by the Ministries of Agriculture, New and Renewable Energy and Science & Technology. Further, the National Policy on Biofuels announced in December, 2009, has laid down guidelines for promotion of production and utilization of bio-diesel for blending with high speed diesel.

(c) The procurement of bio-diesel by the oil marketing companies has not commenced so far.