

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

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PRODUCTION OF BIO DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether bio-diesel is being produced in the country on a large scale;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether bio-diesel produced in the country is being exported; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) As per the National Policy on Bio-fuel notified by the Government in December 2009, the responsibility for storage, distribution & marketing of Bio-fuels rest with Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

OMCs have not produced Bio-diesel commercially so far. They have undertaken Jatropha plantation in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has informed that upto 2009 Bio-diesel plants with aggregate capacity of 3373 tonnes per day has been set up by private companies in the country including one demonstration plant for production of three tonnes Bio-diesel per day set up by the Chhattisgarh Bio-fuel Development Board, Raipur.