

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUELS DERIVED FROM NON EDIBLE OIL SEEDS

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

- (a) the details of the scheme formulated for development of alternative to fossil fuel derived from non-edible oil seeds in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the time by which such fuels are likely to be made available in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The National Policy on Biofuels notified by the Govt. of India in December, 2009, has, inter-alia, laid down guidelines for promotion of production and utilization of bio-diesel for blending with high speed diesel. The main components of the Biofuels Policy regarding bio-diesel are as follows:

Bio-diesel production will be taken up from non-edible oil seeds grown on waste /degraded /marginal lands.

Major thrust on research, development and demonstration with focus on plantations, processing and production;

Minimum Purchase Price for purchase of Bio-diesel with periodic revision to be fixed.

(b)&(c): An assessment study on status of Jatropha / Pongamia Plantations in 11 States of India was got carried out by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, in the year 2012, State-wise details of the main findings are given in the Annexure.

(d): Various Ministries and Departments of the Government continue to support intensive research on development of improved varieties of non-edible oil seeds namely Jatropha and Pongamia for production of bio-diesel.