

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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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) the total quantum of bio-diesel being produced in the country at present;
- (b) the number of units engaged in its production and their production capacity;
- (c) the percentage of production of bio-diesel being consumed in the country; and
- (d) the percentage of total production of bio-diesel being exported at present?

**Answer**

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

(a) As per the information received from Bio-diesel Association of India (BDAI), the approximate total domestic production of Bio-diesel in the country is about 170467 KL

(b) There are about 20 major Companies under BDAI which are involved in production of Bio-diesel in the Country.

(c)&(d) The national policy does not permit direct sale of Bio-diesel by manufacturers. As per the Bio-diesel Purchase Policy of MoPNG, OMCs have been designated to purchase Bio-diesel for blending with High Speed Diesel (HSD) at identified 20 purchase centres across the country at a uniform price declared by OMCs. Presently the declared price of Bio-diesel is Rs.42.50 per litre w.e.f. 26.10.2013.

However, the Bio-diesel manufacturers have not come forward to sell their Bio-diesel produce to OMCs at this declared price.

As per BDAI, the total Bio-diesel Exports are about 137970 KL i.e. 81% of the total domestic production. The balance product is sold domestically for other applications as industrial oils and lubricants etc. Consumption as fuels is very limited and mostly in-house.