

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF JATROPHA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts made by the Government to promote the production of Jatropha which is used as bio-diesel in the country;
- (b) whether the desired results, have not been achieved by the Government in the farming of Jatropha;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the other corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the farming of Jatropha in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is carrying out Research & Development (R&D) activities involving State Agricultural Universities, institutions of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Indian Council of Forest Research and Education (ICFRE), Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) and Indian Institute of Technologies (IITs) since 2004-05 on various issues pertaining to jatropha, such as identification of Candidate Plus Trees (CPTs) with higher oil content and higher seed yield, multi location trials of superior genotypes, development of High Yield Varieties/ hybrids, post harvest tools and technology; etc.
- (b) & (c): Under R&D network programme on Jatropha, five nos. of hybrid clones of jatropha namely CJH-3, CJH-5, CJH-9, CJH-12 and CJH-13 have been developed and are currently under evaluation.
- (d): Provision for plantation of jatropha has been made in the XII plan under the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) of Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India.