

**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) the details of steps being taken by the Government for production, distribution and use of bio-diesel in the country;
- (b) the total production of bio-diesel in the country during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the total budgetary allocation made in respect of bio-diesel during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

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

OMCs have not produced Bio-diesel commercially so far. However, they have undertaken Jatropha plantation in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and have announced a procurement price for the supply of bio-diesel at their 20 designated purchase centres. Presently the declared price of Bio-diesel is Rs.42.50 per litre w.e.f. 26.10.2013.