

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1886  
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JATROPHA CULTIVATION  
Dubey Shri Nishikant

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a study conducted by the Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society has revealed that change of land use by small and marginal farmers to cash crop production may lead to food insecurity and loss of pasture lands in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reassess the implication of Jatropha cultivation including its commercial viability;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the programmes undertaken for plantation of Jatropha for bio-diesel production in the country, including Rajasthan, the incentives provided, the area under Jatropha cultivation at present and the targets fixed for production and achievements thereof during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Not aware, Madam.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e): The programme "Development of elite Planting Material and Model Plantation of Jatropha" on Government and institutional lands through Government and semi Government institutions is implemented by National Oilseeds & Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board in all the States of the country including Rajasthan. NOVOD Board provides 100% grant-in-aid for model plantation of Jatropha to be undertaken on Government lands. The maximum financial assistance is Rs. 25,000 per ha. An area of 12678 ha. has been taken up under model plantation of Jatropha in the country through Government implementing Agencies on Government land with elite planting material. The details (including Rajasthan) are at Annexure. The main objective of model plantation is to produce quality seed and planting material for undertaking further plantation in the country.