

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF BIO -FUELS FROM WASTE OIL

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to produce bio-fuels using waste oil from the hotels and restaurants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such projects operational in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to invite private sector for the purpose by providing incentives; and
- (e) if so, the targets set for the production of bio-fuel using waste oil for the next five years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a), (b) & (c): The Government of India has given priority for promotion and use of bio-fuels, which includes bio-diesel and bio-ethanol. The Government emphasizes on the use of non-edible oils such as *Jatropha curcas*, *Pongamia pinnata* oils, etc. for production of bio-diesel and use of forest & non-forest wastelands for plantation of non-edible oilseed bearing plants. According to Confederation of Indian Industry, quality of biodiesel is feedstock sensitive and waste oil is a mix of various categories of oil from different feedstocks. Therefore, it becomes difficult to maintain the quality of biodiesel produced from waste oils.

(d) : There is no such proposal.

(e): Does not arise.