## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY CULTIVATION OF JATROPHA
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## Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance provided to Non-Government Organizations and individuals for cultivation of Jatropha during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise.
- (b) the details of area of land under jatropha cultivation as on date, State-wise; and
- (c) the mechanism adopted by the Government for procurement of Jatropha seeds for production of bio-fuel.

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

- (a) NATIONAL OILSEEDS AND VEGETABLE OILS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE), has not provided financial assistance to Non-Government Organizations and individuals for cultivation of Jatropha during each of the last two year and the current year.
- (b)&(c) NOVOD Board has undertaken the model plantation of Jatropha on government and institutional land over an area of 12678 ha. upto 2008-09 through government & semi government organizations. The state-wise details of Jatropha cultivation on government land are at Annexure.

The programme of Jatropha are at Research and Development stage, initial model plantation have been undertaken on Government and institutional Land and to provide quality seeds and planting material to the farmers in subsequent years.