

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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BIO- DIESEL POLICY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had announced bio- diesel policy to encourage production of bio- diesel in the country with the objective of increasing energy security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has achieved the objectives as formulated under bio-diesel policy; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government to increase production as well as usage of environment friendly bio-diesel?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): A National Policy on Biofuels, including bio-diesel, was announced in December, 2009 to bring about accelerated development and promotion of the cultivation, production and use of biofuels to increasingly substitute petrol and diesel and to contribute to energy security, climate change mitigation, etc. According to the National Policy, an indicative target for 20% biodiesel blending with diesel has been set for the year 2017. Further, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) had announced a Biodiesel Purchase Policy effective from 01.01.2006. As per this Policy, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were to purchase biodiesel, meeting the prescribed quality standards, at a uniform price decided by the OMCs from time to time. The declared price of biodiesel with effect from November, 2014 is Rs 41.00 per litre. However, no biodiesel has been offered for blending with diesel to any of the OMCs till date.

(c): Some of the initiatives taken for increasing the production and usage of biodiesel are given below:

- i. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 16th January, 2015 approved that all consumers of diesel may procure biodiesel directly from private biodiesel manufacturers, their authorized dealers and Joint Ventures of OMCs authorized by the MoPNG.
- ii. Government continues to support intensive research and development on improved varieties of non-edible oilseeds including Jatropha and Pongamia for production of biodiesel.