

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

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PROMOTION OF BIO DIESEL
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts made by the Government for promotion of bio-diesel in the country; and
- (b) the success achieved so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The National Policy on Biofuels, notified by the Government of India in December, 2009, has, inter-alia, laid down detailed guidelines for promotion of production of bio-diesel for blending with high speed diesel. According to the National Policy, the indicative target for bio-diesel blending by year 2017 is 20%. Further, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) announced a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy effective from 01.01.2006. As per this Policy, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) would purchase bio-diesel meeting the prescribed BIS standards, at a uniform price, as may be decided by the OMCs from time to time. Presently the declared price of Bio-diesel is Rs.45.00 per litre with effect from 28.04.2014.

(b): MoPNG has informed that no procurement of bio-diesel has taken place at the declared price so far.