

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF BIOFUELS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any consideration has been given to promotion and development of Biofuels in the National Policy on Biofuels;
- (b) if so, the main features of the said policy;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken for the promotion of biofuels;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any high level National Biofuel Coordination Committee has been constituted for the coordination, implementation and monitoring of biofuel programmes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. In order to promote and use biofuels, a National Policy on Biofuels has been brought out. The Policy aims at bringing about accelerated development and promotion of the cultivation, production and use of biofuels to increasingly substitute petrol and diesel for transport and stationary applications.

The Salient features of the National Policy on Bio-fuels are:

Bio-diesel production will be taken up from non-edible oil seeds in waste /degraded / marginal lands.

An indicative target of 20% blending of bio- fuels, both for bio-diesel and bio-ethanol, by 2017 has been proposed.

Minimum Support Price (MSP) for non-edible oil seeds would be announced with periodic revision to provide fair price to the growers. # Minimum Purchase Price (MPP) for purchase of bio-ethanol and bio-diesel would be announced with periodic revision.

Major thrust will be given to research, development and demonstration with focus on plantations, processing and production of bio-fuels, including Second Generation Biofuels.

Fiscal and financial incentives particularly for Second Generation Biofuels.

(c)&(d): Besides the National Policy on Biofuels, 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 bio-diesel meeting the prescribed BIS standards, at a uniform price, as may be decided by the OMCs from time to time. The declared price of Biodiesel with effect from November, 2014 is 41.00 per litre. Further, the Government approved, in January, 2015, that all consumers of diesel may procure bio-diesel directly from private biodiesel manufacturers, their authorized dealers and Joint ventures of OMCs authorized by MoPNG. Further R&D activities are also being supported for production, utilisation and availability of biofuels in the country.

(e)&(f): Yes, Madam. The Government has set up a National Bio-fuel Coordination Committee (NBCC), headed by the Prime Minister, to provide high-level co-ordination and policy guidance / review on different aspects of the biofuel development, promotion and utilization. Other members of the Committee are comprising Ministers of Agriculture, New and Renewable Energy, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Rural Development, Ministry of Science & Technology, and Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog. Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is the Convener. No meeting of NBCC has taken place till date.