

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have planned to enter ethanol production and cultivation of plants like Jatropha to be used for blending with diesel for expanding their business in bio-fuel category;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard in 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): As an initiative for developing alternate fuels and implementation of Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has set up its wholly owned subsidiary Company HPCL Bio-fuels Ltd. (HBL), which has commissioned two fully automated integrated Sugar, ethanol & Co-Gen power plants at Sugauli & Lauriya in Bihar.

Further, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have undertaken Jatropha plantation in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

(c): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is supporting Research and Development (R&D) projects on production of bio-fuels at Academic and Research Institutions, Industries, etc.