

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

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DEFINITION OF BULK USERS OF DIESEL

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allow 5 per cent blending of bio fuels in diesel for bulk users such as railways and defence establishments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Bio-diesel Association of India have demanded to allow direct sale of bio-diesel to bulk users to save foreign exchange;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to extend the use of bio-diesel to mobile towers, industrial generator sets and agricultural equipments; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan chalked out by the Government to change the definition of bulk users in the country, user-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) had announced a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy in October 2005, which became effective from 1.1.2006. Under this policy, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) would purchase bio-diesel, meeting the prescribed BIS standard, at a uniform price, as may be decided by the OMCs from time to time, for blending with High Speed Diesel (HSD) to the extent of 5%, at identified 20 purchase centres across the country.

(c)&(d) Yes. A representation dated 28th May 2014 was received from Bio-diesel Association of India in Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, requesting thereby for allowing the OMC Joint Ventures to start marketing Bio-diesel to bulk consumers like the Railways.

(e) & (f): There is no such proposal before the Government, at present.