

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT  
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission has submitted reports to the Prime Minister recently on development of bio-fuels and technology and trade development for bamboo;
- (b) If so, the main points/recommendations made in the reports; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to implement the same at the earliest?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE ( SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE )

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The Report on Development of Bio-fuel has proposed to undertake plantation of Jatropha on 4 lac hectares of waste land, collect seed and process it at a cost of Rs. 1496 Crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The oil generated will be blended with diesel after trans-esterification to substitute imported diesel. The Report envisaged creation of 124.4 million person days of employment in plantation and seed collection and reclaiming of 4 lac hectares of waste land particularly in the areas dominated by tribals.

Major recommendations of the Report on Bamboo Technology include, inter alia, coverage of 2 million hectares of land during the Tenth Five Year Plan at total envisaged cost of Rs. 2608 Crore resulting in generation of employment opportunities for 8.6 million people which, in turn, is expected to bring more than 5 million families above poverty line etc.

(c) Subsequent to the presentation of the 2 Reports to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Ministry of Agriculture has been designated to act as a Nodal Ministry for the Project on Technology & Trade Development for Bamboo and Ministry of Rural Development has been designated to act as the Nodal Ministry for the Project on Development of Bio-fuel for processing and for taking further action on these Reports. Both the Projects would have to be processed for obtaining approval of CCEA.