

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION FOR YIELDING BIO DIESEL
SHRINWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to involve people's participation in plantation of plants used for manufacturing Bio-diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of other schemes that are likely to be included under plantation of Bio-diesel yielding plants in Western Ghats of Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (c): The Report of the Planning Commission on Development of Bio-fuel has identified certain plants which are used for manufacturing Bio-diesel, like Jatropha, Karanj, Nagchampa etc. The Report has identified potential States for producing Jatropha which also include State of Maharashtra. The Report inter-alia recommended large scale plantation of Jatropha on private land also.