

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL BIODIESEL POLICY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are planning to come out with a comprehensive national biodiesel policy as mentioned in the Hindustan Times dated June 24, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the salient features of the said policy; and
- (d) the time by which the said policy is likely to be announced and implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources are carrying out a Policy Analytical Study on utilisation of Ethanol Blends and other Biofuels in Petrol and Diesel Vehicles. The Study is expected to make a review of technology regarding use of ethanol and deviation in motor fuels, their economic and financial cost benefit analysis, their availability etc. Plantation of trees including Biofuel plantations (Non-edible oilseed bearing trees) on wastelands/degraded lands is an important activity under the main watershed Development Programmes, namely the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme, the Drought Prone Areas Programme and the Desert Development programme of the Ministry of Rural Development.