

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL BIO FUEL POLICY

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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a `National Bio-fuel Policy` in view of huge potential for generation of fuel from various trees such as Pongamia, Jatropha and other crops ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons, therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a), (b) & (c) : The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources supports research and development projects on the production and use of bio-diesel from plants, such as Pongamia, Jatropha, etc. Four Bio-fuel Pilot Demonstration Projects have been sanctioned for implementation in one village, each in the States of Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Besides, the Ministry of Rural Development is in the process of setting up a National Mission on Bio-diesel.