

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the researchers at TERI in New Delhi have proven that they can grow Jatropha even in the arid Rajasthan soil;
- (b) if so, whether technologies exist in India to produce ethanol from agricultural wastes like rice husk and sugarcane bagasse to drive cars;;
- (c) whether the Government has a plan to set an ambitious target for obtaining minimum 50% of automobiles fuels from renewable bio-fuels by 2025; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) have informed that they have taken up demonstration of Jatropha on 90 hectares of wasteland at Sardarsamand near Jodhpur (Rajasthan) since 2003-2004.
- (b): Technoloiges for producing ethanol from agricultural wastes like rice husk and sugarcane bagasse are not available on commercial scale, in India.
- (c) & (d): No Sir.