

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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BIO- DIESEL POLICY

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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to constitute a panel to formulate a policy on bio-diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the panel is likely to be constituted ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal Ministry to implement the proposed National Mission on Bio-Diesel, which, inter alia, envisages large scale plantation of Jatropha Curcus (Ratan Jot). The detailed Project Report for the proposed National Mission on Bio-Diesel, which was referred by the Ministry of Rural Development to the Planning Commission, has not yet received all clearances and approvals which are prerequisites for deciding upon any policy regarding bio-diesel.