

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

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PETROLEUM SUBSTITUTE FROM PLASTIC WASTES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Nagpur based scientists have claimed commercial production of petroleum substitute from plastic wastes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) : In terms of the information available with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, a Nagpur based professor had claimed to have developed a catalytic process at laboratory scale for the conversion of plastic wastes into liquid hydrocarbon products. However, on detailed scrutiny, the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas concluded that the proposal could not be recommended for further research and/ or funding. The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas have no further information regarding the commercial production of petroleum substitute from plastic wastes.

(b) & (c) : In view of (a) above, do not arise.