

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1418  
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PRODUCTION OF BIO DIESEL UNDER NREGA .  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether Government has received any requests for grant of permission for production of Bio-diesel under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA);
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has given approval in this regard;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (e) No request has been received in the Ministry of Rural Development for grant of permission for production of bio-diesel under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. However, in the production process of bio-diesel, the first step comprises plantation and raising of soil seeds which may be taken up by the State Governments under the Act as this is within the scope of works mentioned in Schedule I of the Act.