

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIAL PLANTATION OF JATROPHA  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) The existing policy of the Railways with regard to commercial plantation of jatropa;
- (b) Whether the Railways propose to enter into Joint Venture (JV) partnership with private companies for commercial plantation of jatropa;
- (c) If so, the details in this regard;
- (d) The sites identified for jatropa plantation in joint venture; and
- (e) The revenue likely to be earned by Railways from it annually?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) to (c): Railway have an existing policy of commercial plantation including Jatropa on Joint Venture (JV) basis. Under the policy, JV partner is allowed to undertake plantation including Jatropa curcus on railway land on revenue sharing basis. While planter is required to bear all the cost of plantation, Railway's contribution in turn would be land.
- (d): Plantation of Jatropa on commercial plantation basis has been taken up at Jhusi on North Eastern Railway .
- (e): Since Railways are in very initial stages of the scheme, it is not possible to ascertain the annual returns as the same would vary depending upon the location, size, species etc. as well as purchase price of the plants.