

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH IN JATROPHA PLANTATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether any assessment has been made regarding the growth of Jatropha plantation in the country during the next three years ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof indicating the area proposed to be brought under the Jatropha cultivation during the said period;
- (c) Whether there is any proposal for providing subsidy for cultivation of Jatropha on non- forest wasteland; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b) : Plantation of Jatropha and Karanj in 3 lakh ha. of waste, degraded and marginal lands belonging to public agencies (forest land, department land including road, rail and canal bunds, common lands owned by panchayats etc.) as well as marginal individual private lands, field bunds etc. has been envisaged under the proposed demonstration Phase of `National Bio-diesel Mission` during 2006-2012. Further, model plantation of Jatropha and Karanj on 10,000 ha. area has already been undertaken by the National Oilseeds & Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board.

(c)&(d) : Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through NOVOD Board provides 30% back-ended credit linked subsidy to the farmers/individuals for undertaking commercial plantation of Jatropha on non-forest wasteland.