

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme to encourage private entrepreneurs to come forward in development of wasteland ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether any project has been sanctioned in this regard till now ; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

- (a) No Sir. The Planning Commission had set up a committee on development of bio-fuel (2003), which recommended for launching of a National Mission on Bio-diesel with special focus on plantation of Jatropha curcas in forest and non- forest areas, especially in waste lands. Accordingly, this Ministry has taken steps to launch the Bio-diesel Mission.Scheme. There is no proposal to encourage private entrepreneurs to come forward in development of wasteland ;
- (b)to(d) In view of the above, not applicable.