

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1457
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PROCUREMENT OF BIO- DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil Companies have not purchased or utilised bio-diesel till date ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Public Sector Oil Companies are considering to provide direct incentives and financial assistance to the bio-diesel producers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)&(b):- Yes, Sir. Public Sector Undertaking, Oil Marketing Companies have not been able to purchase bio-diesel at the identified purchase centres so far, as the parties who have expressed interest are not willing to supply at the declared price. Facilities are not yet ready with other parties who have expressed their interest.

(c):- No, Sir.

(d):- Does not arise.