

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BIO-FUEL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring more area under bio-fuel crops;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) the type of land proposed to be used for bio-fuel plantations; and
- (d) the likely impact this will have on India's food security and environment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): The bio-fuel plantations are encouraged in the degraded lands. Agricultural lands are not being used for bio-fuel plantations. Hence, there is no likelihood of any adverse impact on India's food security and environment.