

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

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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 Marketing Companies (OMCs) are reluctant in procuring bio-diesel;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to directly procure bio-diesel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for exploring and developing the possibility for use of bio-diesel in order to save huge expenditure incurred on import of crude oil in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) No Madam. In order to procure bio-diesel for blending with High Speed Diesel up to 5%, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have already opened 20 Bio-diesel purchase centres across the country under the Bio-diesel Purchase Policy.

Further, in terms of National Policy on Bio-fuels, the procurement price of bio-diesel is periodically being announced by the OMCs.

However, suppliers have not come forward to offer Bio-diesel at these designated purchase centres at the declared prices. As such, OMCs have not been able to purchase Bio-diesel till date.

(c) & (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(e) The Government has notified National Policy on Bio-fuels in December, 2009, which inter-alia covers introduction of bio-fuels including bio-diesel made from Jatropha.