

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2540**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**Bio-CNG**

**2540. Smt. KantaKardam:**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes clean energy by introducing a scheme of bio-CNG production by setting up plants based on agro-waste;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up more modern refineries for production of ethanol and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b) Government has announced National Policy on Biofuels-2018 which *inter alia* emphasize promotion of production and uses of bio-CNG which is also known as Compressed Bio Gas (CBG). In this direction “Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT)” scheme was launched on 1st October 2018 wherein Oil and Gas Marketing Companies (OGMCs) are inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) from potential entrepreneur for setting up of CBG plants for production of CBG.

(c) With an objective to augment ethanol supplies, it has been envisaged to establish 2G Ethanol bio-refinery in different parts of the country and the Government allowed procurement of ethanol produced from other non-food feedstock besides molasses, like cellulosic and lignocellulosic materials including petrochemical route.

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