

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1738
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

BIODIESEL FROM COOKING OIL

1738. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to make biodiesel from cooking oil;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (c): Government had notified the National Policy on Biofuels (NPB) – 2018 which laid down an indicative target of 5% blending of biodiesel in diesel by 2030 in the country. Under the scope of NPB-2018, biodiesel produced from Used Cooking Oil (UCO) has been categorised as a biofuel which can be used as fuel for transportation or for stationary applications.

To promote UCO based biodiesel, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have floated Expression of Interest (EoIs) for procurement of biodiesel produced from UCO, in response to which OMCs have issued Letters of Intent (LoIs) for 42 biodiesel plants having cumulative annual biodiesel production capacity of about 34 crore litres.
