

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

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BIOFUEL ALLIANCE

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

(a) the manner in which the country is planning to have a biofuel alliance be it in the Indo-Pacific or G-20 group or through similar other moves to ensure energy security, affordability, and accessibility through sustainable supplies;

(b) whether any discussion on biofuels was held in the recently held Indo-Pacific Economic Framework in Malaysia;

(c) if so, the outcome of the same;and

(d) the efforts being made by Government for technology transfer on biofuels?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) To strengthen global cooperation for rapid deployment and adoption of biofuels, the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) was launched on 9th September 2023, on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in New Delhi with the support of 19 countries and 12 international organizations. Since its launch, the alliance has been expanding continuously with present membership of 22 countries & 12 international organizations.

GBA intends to expedite the global uptake of biofuels through facilitating capacity-building exercises, technical support for national programs and promoting policy lessons-sharing, technology advancements, intensifying utilization of sustainable biofuels, with participation of a wide spectrum of stakeholders. It is also expected to act as a central repository of knowledge and an expert hub.

(b) to (d) Aligning and taking forward India's initiative on launching of Global Biofuels Alliance, India proposed for a Co-operative Work Program (CWP) on Bio-fuels during the Malaysia Round of the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum for Prosperity (IPEF) to enable the interested IPEF Parties, to collaboratively develop more efficient methods for bio-fuel production, identify optimal supply chains for bio-fuel trade, and establish a regional

feedstock. The collaborative nature of this CWP reflects the endeavour to pool resources and expertise among IPEF members, thereby advancing sustainable and innovative solutions in the field of bio-fuels.

Additionally, India is championing technology transfer via collaborative ventures within the clean energy sector through, *inter alia*, joint research & development, pilot projects, knowledge sharing and capacity building.
