

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 132  
ANSWERED ON 01/08/2023

**INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE**

\*132. SHRI BRIJLAL

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has jointly established the International Solar Alliance (ISA) with France and is preparing to set up a Global Biofuel Association (GBA) on the same lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the names of the countries involved in this; and
- (c) by when GBA is likely to come into existence and how it would reduce dependence on fossil fuels?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER**

**(SHRI R.K. SINGH)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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## STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 132 to be answered on 01.08.2023 regarding International Solar Alliance

(a) to (c) The International Solar Alliance was launched on 30th November, 2015 by Prime Minister of India and President of France at the 21st session of United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-21) in Paris, France. The Framework Agreement was formally opened for signature during the COP-22 at Marrakesh on 15th November, 2016. As on 27.07.2023, ISA has 116 signatory nations of which 94 countries have ratified the instrument while 22 countries have signatory status.

India spearheaded consultations for a multi stakeholder Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) as Chair's Initiative during India's G-20 Presidency. The alliance aims to enhance global collaboration and cooperation for accelerated adoption of biofuels by identifying global best practices for the development and deployment of sustainable biofuels. The alliance will secure the supply and availability of biofuels and coordinate internationally recognized standards and codes. The alliance as a guiding principle will support each country's national-level policy/ strategy/ goals/ circumstances and member countries can choose to be associated with initiatives best suited for their decarbonization journey.

Currently, 15 countries and 12 International Organizations are willing to be the initiating members, and 4 additional countries have expressed interest to be the observer countries. In addition to India, these are Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Iceland, Finland, Kenya, Guyana, Mauritius, Paraguay, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa, the United States, UAE and Uganda. The said International organizations include the Biofuture Platform, International Civil Aviation Organization, International Energy Agency, International Energy Forum, International Renewable Energy Agency, World Bank, World Biogas Association, World Economic Forum, Asian Development Bank, World LPG Organization, UN Energy for All and UNIDO.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas conducted a special Ministerial session titled - Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA): Consultations and Recommendations, headed by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas on 22nd of July, 2023, in Goa, in conjunction with the G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting.

The consultative process resulted in the Energy Ministers recommending the establishment of the multi-stakeholder Global alliance on Biofuels to the G20 leaders.

Sustainable Biofuels have multiple proven associated benefits such as promoting circular economy, providing a viable alternative to fossil fuels, waste to wealth creation, managing agricultural & municipal wastes, decarbonizing transport sector etc. The GBA aims to enhance global collaboration and cooperation for accelerated adoption of Biofuels buttressing India's existing biofuels programs and creating an entire ecosystem by working in tandem with programs such as PM-JIVAN Yojna - Policy for Advance Biofuels, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT), Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and GOBARdhan scheme.

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