

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 374**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2019**

**Bio-Fuels**

374. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether a high-level committee appointed by the Ministry has recommended increasing the use of bio mass specifically surplus agricultural residue for harnessing bio-fuels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated a framework or policies to be implemented in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to encourage domestic research for commercialising indigenous resources to enhance hydrocarbon supply in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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(श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

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

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(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): A High Level Committee appointed by this Ministry has submitted its report in May, 2019 which *inter-alia* recommends increasing the use of biomass, specifically surplus agricultural residue for harnessing bio-fuels.

(c): The “National Policy on Biofuels-2018” has been notified by the Government in June 2018. In March, 2019, Government notified “Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan- Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana” for providing financial support to Integrated Bioethanol Projects using lignocellulosic biomass & other renewable feedstock with an aim to set up Second Generation ethanol projects across the country.

(d) & (e) : The National Oil Companies (NoCs), namely, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) are having various Research and Development (R&D) institutes and have collaboration with domestic and international universities/R&D institutions for undertaking research to enhance indigenous hydrocarbon production. All research activities are aligned with the core business of exploration and production of hydrocarbons. Objectives of R&D activities is to provide knowledge-based, competent and techno-economically feasible solution in the areas of exploration, drilling, production and transportation of crude oil and natural gas, pollution monitoring and control and alternate source of energy.

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