LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 134 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th September, 2020

2G Ethanol Plants

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved to set up new 2G ethanol plants using paddy straw especially in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details and the status of the projects thereof; and
- (b) the number of companies that have applied till date to set up these plants along with such plants that have been granted clearances till date, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (b): Government has allowed procurement of ethanol produced from other non feed stock besides molasses like cellulosic and lignocellulosic material including petrochemical route. In furtherance of this decision, companies are setting up 2G ethanol plants based on various feed stocks including paddy straw in the country. The 2G ethanol plants under construction with paddy straw as feed-stock are at Panipat (Haryana) by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), at Bathinda (Punjab) by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and at Bargarh (Odisha) by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
