

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2022

Bio-Fuel Plants

†3645. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is giving a thrust to setup bio-fuel plants in the forest rich areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the forest-rich areas of Jharkhand including Gumla have been included in the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM &
NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (c): The Government has notified the National Policy on Biofuels - 2018 (NPB) on 4th June 2018 which envisages production of biofuels from non-edible oil seeds bearing trees (Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs)) / crops such as Pongamia pinnata (Karanja), Melia azadirachta (Neem), castor, Jatropha Carcus etc. and cellulosic and lignocellulosic materials such as wood waste, agricultural and forestry residues, grasses, algae, etc. which are found in abundance in forest and agriculture areas. Government has also notified Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana for providing financial support to promote Second Generation (2G) ethanol production from cellulosic and lignocellulosic feedstock. The NPB & Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana are applicable all over the country including Gumla and forest rich areas of Jharkhand.
