

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2511
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th March, 2025
INCREASING DEMAND OF BIO-DIESEL

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the demand and supply of bio-diesel are increasing in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of bio-diesel demand and supply in the country along with the concrete steps taken to meet the increasing demand for bio-diesel;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allow private bio-diesel manufacturers to act as distributors and grant them marketing and distribution rights for the limited purpose of supplying bio-diesel to the consumers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the impact it is likely to have on the existing suppliers and manufacturers and bulk consumers like Indian Railways?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b) National Policy on Biofuels – 2018, amended in 2022, outlines indicative target to achieve 5% blending of biodiesel in diesel by 2030 in the country. Details of biodiesel procured by PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for blending with diesel during the last three years are as below:

Year	Procured Quantity (KL)
2021-22	561
2022-23	60571
2023-24	439860

Source: PSU OMCs

Government has taken several measures for promotion of biodiesel production which *inter-alia* include prescribing indicative target of blending of biodiesel in diesel / direct sale of biodiesel under the National Policy on Biofuels, notifying of “Guidelines for sale of biodiesel for blending with high speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019”, reduction of GST rate for procurement of biodiesel for blending programme from 12% to 5%, etc.

(c) Guidelines for sale of Biodiesel for blending with high speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019 have already been issued by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

(d) Demand for diesel by Indian Railways has reduced significantly due to the electrification drive taken by Indian Railways.
