



## RS 41 CRORE SPENT ON RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE FUEL DURING LAST THREE YEARS

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Research and Development on alternate fuels including different aspects of production, conversion and utilization of bio-fuels is being carried out in a number of research institutions and universities. Apart from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, support is being provided by Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. An expenditure of about Rs.41 crore is reported to have been incurred during the last three years.

Under the Allocation of Business Rules, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been given the responsibility for preparing the National Policy on Bio-fuels and setting up of a National Bio-fuel Development Board. The draft Policy, including a proposal for setting up of the Board alongwith its draft terms of reference and composition, has been submitted for necessary approvals.

The draft Policy aims at promoting the cultivation, production and use of biofuels to partially replace petrol and diesel for transport, stationary and portable applications with the objective of contributing to energy security, environmental protection and mitigation of climate change.

This information was given by the Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Shri Vilas Muttemwar.in a written reply to a question by S/shri C.K.Chandrappan Kinjarapu Yerrannaidu, Thawarchand Gehlot, Hari Kewal Prasad, Tukaram Ganpatrao Renge Patil, Harisinh Chavda,Dr.Dhirendra Agarwal, Pannian Ravindran, Mohan Singh, Prabhunath Singh and Dr.S. Satyanarayan Jatiya.in the Lok Sabha today .