

Besides, ministry of petroleum and natural gas had announced a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy in October 2005, which became

effective from 1.1.2006. Under this policy, OMCs would purchase bio-diesel, meeting the prescribed BIS standard, at a uniform price, as may be decided by the OMCs from time to time, for blending with High Speed Diesel (HSD) to the extent of 5 percent, at identified 20 purchase centres across the country. Further, the Government is considering to allow the direct sale of Bio-diesel (B100) by private Bio-diesel manufacturers, their authorised dealers and Joint Ventures (JVs) of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) authorised by MoP&NG for the limited purpose of blending to bulk consumers.

Ministry of petroleum and natural gas has constituted working group on industry basis in the field of bio-fuel to generate awareness and popularise and increase bio-fuel consumption in coordination with Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA). A national seminar on "Bio-fuel Program in India - The Way Forward" was organised by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on July 13, 2015. In this Seminar, Senior Officers of the Ministry/OMCs, Bio-fuel Producers and Experts in the field came together to deliberate on various issues related to Bio-fuel.