

Reply to Parliament Question No 7160 for 03.08.2023 for Lok Sabha regarding “2G Bioethanol Projects” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): the details of 2G Ethanol projects which have been provided financial assistance Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan-Vatavaran Anukool Fasal Awashesh Nivaran) scheme till now;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Numaligarh Refinery is executing a 2G bio-refinery project in the state of Assam through its Joint Venture Company Assam Bio-Refinery Pvt. Limited (ABRPL). NRL owns 50% share in the JV company – ABRPL and remaining 50% equity is shared between two Finnish companies viz. M/s Fortum BV3 and M/s Chempolis.

Under Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN yojana, a grant of Rs. 150 Crores has been sanctioned for the project by Central Govt. First trench amounting to 25% of sanctioned amount i.e. Rs. 37.5 Crores has been disbursed to ABRPL after achieving first milestone of “Installation of Proprietary Items”]

Q no. (b): the details of the increased Bio-ethanol production after the launch of this scheme;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Production of 2G bio-ethanol has not started from the ABRPL bio-refinery]

Q no. (c): whether any 2G Bioethanol projects have been proposed and granted financial assistance for establishment in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[NRL is not setting up any 2G bioethanol plant in states of UP, Odisha and Rajasthan]

Q no. (d): if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Q no. (e): whether the Government has taken any steps for Research and Development activities in this area; and

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Q no. (f): if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Note for Supplementary:

Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is a Public Sector Enterprise with a 3.0 MMTPA petroleum refinery at Numaligarh in Golaghat district of Assam. Present shareholding pattern of NRL is Oil India Limited (OIL) – 73.27%, Govt. of Assam (GoA) – 22.88% and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) – 3.85%.
