

Reply to Parliament Question No 2988 for 09.12.2024 for Rajya Sabha regarding “Inclusion of Uncooked Cooking Oil (UCO) in Bio-diesel scheme” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): whether the reports of the ministry reframing the ‘Repurpose Used Cooking Oil’ initiative to expand its ambit to biodiesel blending scheme are true and the details thereof;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[NRL is not reframing the Repurpose Used Cooking Oil’ initiative to expand its ambit to biodiesel blending scheme.]

Q no. (b): the reasons for including uncooked cooking oil (UCO) in the scheme and the roadmap planned for the same, if any, and the details of;

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Q no. (c): whether consultations were held with relevant stake holders to ascertain the viability of the scheme; and

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Q no. (d): the logical challenges that may be faced in incorporating (UCO) if any?

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) – 69.63%, Govt. of Assam (GoA) – 26% and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) – 4.37%.

Numaligarh Refinery is executing a bio-refinery project in the state of Assam through its Joint Venture Company Assam Bio Ethanol Pvt. Limited (ABEPL). NRL owns 50% share in the company and remaining 50% equity is shared between two M/s Fortum BV3 and M/s Chempolis. M/s Chempolis is also the technology provider for the bio-refinery. Bio-refinery will produce 50 TMTA of Advance bio-fuel (ethanol) from 300 TMTA of dry bamboo. The project is targeted to be commissioned in December, 2024.
