

PSU OMCs under the MoP&NG have been actively pursuing the bio-diesel programme and entered into MoUs and formed JVs for cultivation of bio-fuels species on revenue wasteland and degraded lands in the State. These JV companies have been formed with the objective of increasing production and marketing of Bio-diesel in the country. They have sought

permission to undertake activities like sourcing, trading, supply, distribution, marketing etc. of Bio-diesel to consumers.

As the price of diesel is already deregulated and determined by the market, there is no economic justification in preventing private biodiesel manufacturers, their authorised dealers and JVs of OMCs authorized by the MoP&NG from selling biodiesel directly to consumers subject to their product meeting prescribed BIS standards.