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UP issues guidelines for production, sale of biodiesel

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The Uttar Pradesh government has issued guidelines for the production and sale of biodiesel in the state.

"According to the guidelines issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Energy and Renewable Energy, Mahesh Kumar Gupta, the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has been entrusted with the power to regulate production and sale of biodiesel in the state," a government spokesman said.

Any person/firm seeking production/sale will have to apply to the NEDA with a registration fee of Rs 5,000 and only indigenously-produced biodiesel will be permitted to be sold.

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It can be used alone or blended with conventional petro-diesel in diesel-driven vehicles.

Till now, the retail sale of biodiesel directly to consumers was not permitted in UP, though no additional permission or licence was required to be obtained for production and storage of such fuel in the state.