

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and future prospects of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). The

National Project for Biogas Development (NPBD) was started in 1981-82 and the information on targets, achievements and expenditure incurred are given below :

| Year | No. of plants | | (Rs. in crores) expenditure incurred |
|---------|---------------|-------------|--|
| | Target | Achievement | |
| 1981-82 | 35000 | 21404 | 3.38 |
| 1982-83 | 75000 | 60095 | 9.98 |
| 1983-84 | 75000 | 89300 | 20.16 |
| 1984-85 | 150000 | 172773 | 47.50 |
| 1985-86 | 150000 | 195069 | 67.00 |

Evaluation studies of biogas plants including those by several independent agencies indicate that on a national average over 85 percent of the plants set up under NPBD are working at a given time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Support price of sugarcane

4448. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH
TUR :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Sugar Mills Association have requested the Government to fix support price of sugarcane upto 1987-90; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) :
(a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Sugar Mills Association has suggested a uniform yearly in-

crease of 50 paise per quintal in the statutory minimum price of sugarcane upto 1989-90.

(b) There are many variable factors that are taken into consideration in the fixation of the statutory minimum price of sugarcane and hence the proposal is not feasible. However, the Government have already announced the prices for 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons in advance of the sowing seasons.

[English]

Integrated complex for Paper Mills,
Sugar Mills and Distilleries

4449. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals for the establishment of integrated complexes consisting of paper mills, sugar mills and distilleries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?