

**Setting up of Gobar Gas Plants  
during Sixth Plan**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gobar gas plants proposed to be set up during the Sixth Plan period; and

(b) what would be the cost capacity and location of each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a)

Ministry of Agriculture's National Project for Biogas Development envisages setting up of 400,000 biogas units during the remaining period of the Sixth Plan.

(b) Under the National Project, biogas units will be set up in all States and Union Territories. A statement indicating capacity and cost estimates of biogas units is enclosed.

**Statement**

Size of biogas units (cubic metres gas production per day)	†Approximate estimates of biogas unit (in Rupees)	
	*Floating drum type	**Fixed dome type
1		
2	3640	2260
3	4710	3080
4	5250	4020
6	6510	5120
8	7110	

1	2	3
10	7800	
15	9520	
20	13260	
25	17940	
35	28700	
45	32360	
60	40560	
85	60530	

\*Sizes of floating drum type as specified by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in 1974.

\*\*Sizes of fixed dome type as specified by Planning, Research and Action Division (PRAD), Lucknow in 1980.

†The exact cost may differ for different areas depending on the variations in the cost of material, transport and wages etc.

**Import of Edible Oil**

2318. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA:  
Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) total quantity of edible oil imported in 1981; and

(b) balance of imported edible oil carried over to 1982 from above?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF): (a) During the calendar year 1981, 11.54 lakh tonnes of edible oil were imported by the State Trading Corporation on Government account.

(b) The stock of imported edible oils available with State Trading Corporation as on 1-1-1982 was 2.76 lakh tonnes.