

Statement

Projects	Approved/Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Funding Agency
i. Chandrapur B/B HVDC	1046 crores	West Merchant Bank Indosuez Credit National Overseas Dev. Agency (tied up).
ii. Gazuwaka B/B HVDC	574 Crs.	Asian Development Bank/West Merchant Bank (tied up).
iii. Sasaram-Biharsharif HVDC	567 Crs.	DDA (Overseas Development (Agency)/World Bank (Under processing).
iv. 400 KV Bongaigaon-Malda	212 Crs.	OEFC (Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund) (Tied up).
v. Talcher-Bangalore HVDC	2500 Crs.	WB (World Bank) (under consideration).
vi. Ib Valley, Jaipur HVDC Ib Valley, Raipur, HVDC	6140 Crs.	Not finalised.
vii. 400 KV AC Raipur-Rourkela	336 Crs.	World Bank (under processing).

Note : The External financing is about 55% to 60% of the cost of the projects, 20% funding is made from POWERGRIDS Internal Resources and remaining is through Bond/Domesfic Commercial Borrowing.

[English]

National Bio-Gas Project

*360. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV :
SHRI RAJINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether various States have not been able to achieve even 50 percent of the annual target fixed for implementation of programmes under National Bio-gas Project;

(b) if so, the States, which have not been able to achieve the annual target;

(c) whether Government have made any arrangements to provide improved chulhas, instal Bio-gas to the People who wish to have Bio-gas Plant and improved chulhas;

(d) wether Government have made any positive efforts to help such States to achieve the target of the National Bio-gas Project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the period April 1996 to January 1997, all States and Union Territories except Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh and Pondicherry have achieved 52 to 164 per cent of their respective annual targets fixed under the Central Sector

Scheme – National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD). The overall annual target of setting up of 1.65 lakh family type biogas Plants fixed for 1996-97 under NPBD is expected to be achieved by the end of March 1997.

(c) Yes, Sir. In addition to NPBD, a separate Central Sector Scheme – National Programme on Improved Chulhas (NPIC) is being implemented in all States and Union Territories to promote various improved designs of efficient and smokeless chulhas.

(d) and (e) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is providing technical and training support including training courses for users; financial incentives, such as, central subsidy, turn-key job fee to non-governmental organisations and trained entrepreneurs, additional central subsidy for toilet linked biogas plants, etc.; and support for publicity and awareness raising for implementation of NPBD in all States and Union Territories. Regional and state level reviews have been organised during August 1996 to February 1997, especially for the States which were lagging behind in achieving the targets, to draw action plans for improving the pace of implementation of the programme.

Supply of Computers

3778. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "PCL faces flak from customers" appearing in the "Times of India" dated February 13, 1997;