

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF BIO-GAS PLANTS BY NGO
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has engaged some Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) for setting up bio-gas plants and public toilets;
- (b) if so, the name of the NGOs who have been assigned such task;
- (c) whether any such NGOs are engaged for the purpose in the States of Orissa and Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government have fixed any target for setting up of bio-gas plants in the above States during the current year;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and achievements made upto now; and
- (g) the measures being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry has involved three non-governmental organizations, namely, Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, New Delhi; Sustainable Development Agency, Kanjirapally, Kerala; and BIOTECH, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Community, Institutional and Night-soil based Biogas Plants Programme, which envisages, inter alia, setting up of night-soil based plants linked with community (public) toilet complexes. In addition, the State nodal departments and nodal agencies and Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Mumbai are also involving non-governmental organizations.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, New Delhi is implementing the programme in different States, including Rajasthan and Orissa during 2002- 2003. In addition, the nodal department in Rajasthan, i.e. Department of Rural Development is involving three other non-governmental organizations.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Against a target of setting up of 12 night-soil based biogas plants linked with community toilet complexes in the country fixed for Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, New Delhi for the year 2002-03 so far one plant in Orissa and two plants in Rajasthan have been completed. In addition, the State Government of Rajasthan has been allocated a target of setting up of 10 community / institutional / night-soil based biogas plants for the year 2002-03 and no progress has been reported so far.

(g): Under the Community, Institutional and Night- Soil based Biogas Plants Programme, the measures taken by the Government include: Central subsidy for setting up of biogas plants; publicity; training; and project contingency to State Governments, Khadi and Village Industries Commission and non-governmental organizations for determining feasibility, providing technical and training support for construction of plants, supervising construction work and providing free maintenance warranty for 20 years in case of 35 and 45 cubic metres capacity night-soil based biogas plants linked with community toilet complexes and for two years in case of other plants.