

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4377
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UTILISATION OF BIO GAS .
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that though there is huge potential of bio-gas in many States, resources are being wasted;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Cattle dung, which has a huge potential resource for producing biogas in almost all States and Union Territories, is generally not wasted, rather, it is used already as manure and cooking fuel and also for various other purposes.

(c): Under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP)", the Government have already planned a target of setting up of 66,000 plants during 2006-07 and in this regard have already taken several steps, such as provisions for Central subsidy to beneficiaries; turn-key job fee to corporate bodies and non-governmental organizations for providing free maintenance servicing of plants during the first three years of construction; training of users, masons, technicians and field staff; State level Biogas Development and Training Centres; publicity and extension; etc.