

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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BIO- FUEL BASED POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any plan has been drawn out to promote a chain of small bio-fuel based power plants in the country including Assam with rice husk and nut shells as fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the location and capacity of each plant; and
- (c) the Central aid sought and given therefor during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a), (b) and (c): The Ministry is implementing Biomass Gasifier programme for off-grid small power projects for meeting unmet demand of electricity in electrified villages and in industries utilizing locally available woody and non-woody biomass including rice husk, nut shells etc throughout the country including Assam. In addition, Village Energy Security Programme (VESP) has been started since 2004-05 with the objective of providing energy security in villages by meeting total energy needs for cooking, electricity and motive power through various forms of biomass material based on available biomass conversion technologies. State-wise details of biomass gasifier systems installed in villages, captive power generation in industries and also test projects taken up under VESP and central financial assistance provided under these programmes are given at Annexure - I, II and III.