

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

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ENERGY FROM RICE HUSK AND COCONUT SHELLS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up energy generation plants based on rice husk and coconut shells;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the location thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the energy is likely to be generated therefrom?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Government is encouraging setting up of energy generation projects from biomass including rice husk and coconut shells through various technological routes such as combustion, gasification and cogeneration. A cumulative capacity of about 1400 MW has been installed as on 31.12.2007 for generation of energy from biomass mainly in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Further, a target for adding about 2000 MW biomass power installed capacity has been proposed during the 11th Plan period.