

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:99
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2009
SETTING UP OF BIOGAS PLANTS
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets/ achievements made by the Government in setting up of biogas plants under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (b) whether some State Governments are facing difficulties in setting up of these plants due to shortage of funds;
- (c) if so, whether some State Governments including Maharashtra have submitted proposals for providing funds for the purpose.
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/ likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Statement in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 99 on 'Setting up of Biogas Plants' by Shri Hansraj G. Ahir for 20th February 2009

During the 11th Five Year Plan it is envisaged to take up installation of an aggregated capacity of 2 million m³ biogas plants in the country. Under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP), State-wise physical targets are allocated on year to year basis. Status of State-wise physical targets and achievements during the first two years of the 11th Plan are given in Annexure-I.

No, Sir. There is no shortage of funds with the States. In accordance with the provisions of the programme, generally, 50% of the Central Financial Assistance is released along with the allocation of the physical target and balance is released on receipt of satisfactory progress report, utilization certificate and audited statement of accounts. Based on these guidelines, proposals received from various State Governments/ Agencies are processed and funds released.