

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

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NATIONAL BIOMASS COOKSTOVE INITIATIVE
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the National Biomass Cookstove Initiative recently to develop improved chulhas; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and salient features of the said initiative ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched the National Biomass Cookstove Initiative during 2009. The primary aim of the initiative is to develop and enhance the availability of better and efficient family and community size Biomass Cookstoves for household and industrial applications in the country. It also emphasizes on enhancement of technical capacity in the country by setting up testing, certification and monitoring facilities and strengthening R&D programmes in technical institutions. In this regard, the Ministry has constituted a Core Group and sanctioned a project to assess present status of various types of improved Biomass Cookstoves currently available, their suitability and delivery mechanisms and to prepare an action plan for development and deployment of cookstoves. Simultaneously, the Ministry has identified four test centre for carrying out performance testing.