

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:503
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2010
BIO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/ Global Environment Funds (GEF) project for the development and deployment of bio-energy technology in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any sites have been identified for the setting up of Model Investment Projects (MIPs) in different parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State / Union Territory-wise?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 503 for answer on 30.4.2010 regarding Bio -Energy Technology.

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): A Project on "Removal of Barriers to Biomass Power Generation in India" assisted by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) / Global Environment Facility (GEF) is being implemented by the Ministry with the objective to identify barriers in large scale commercialization of biomass power. The project inter-alia involves establishment of 7-10 Model Investment Projects (MIPs) in different parts of the country with the view to demonstrate the viability of investment and financing models for mainstreaming the biomass sector. The UNDP / GEF contribution for the project is US \$ 5.65 million whereas Government of India contribution is US \$ 5.24 million. The project is scheduled for completion in March, 2012.

(c)&(d): Expressions of Interest (EOI) have been obtained from biomass power project developers to select and support setting up of Model Investment Projects (MIPs) after evaluation.