

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:739
ANSWERED ON:12.11.2010
POWER FROM PADDY HAY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated an action plan for power generation from paddy hay in paddy producing areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any incentive is being provided to State Governments for generating power from paddy hay;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of power plants generating power from paddy hay in the country, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been promoting power generation from biomass including paddy hay. A target for setting up of biomass based power generation projects of 500 Megawatt (MW) has been fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan period in the country, against which a capacity of 460 MW has been achieved. Biomass projects with a cumulative capacity of 980 MW have been installed, so far in the country.

(c)&(d): Various fiscal and financial incentives such as concessional customs duty on import of machineries and components, excise duty exemption, accelerated depreciation on major components, relief from taxes and capital subsidy for setting up of biomass power projects are being provided. Besides preferential tariff is being provided for sale of power from biomass power projects.

(e): State-wise details of biomass power projects are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 739 for 12.11.2010 regarding Power from Paddy Hay.

State-wise Capacity of Biomass Power Projects set up in country as on 31.10.2010

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No. State Capacity (MW)

1. Andhra Pradesh	210
2. Chhattisgarh	226
3. Haryana	4
4. Karnataka	82
5. Maharashtra	126
6. Punjab	51
7. Rajasthan	71
8. Tamilnadu	179
9. Uttar Pradesh	15
10. West Bengal	16
Total	980