

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

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to make investment for better marketing of the 'green' biomass cookstove across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched the National Biomass Cookstove Initiative(NBCI) on 2nd December 2009 with the primary aim to enhance the availability of clean and efficient energy for the energy deficient and poorer sections of the country. During the year 2010-11, the Ministry took up a pilot scale project for demonstration of 400 nos. of community cookstoves in Anganwadis, Mid-Day Meal schemes in schools in a few states, namely, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh and Orissa. Two more such projects are under way for implementation.