

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BIOGAS PLANTS

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

- (a) the number of biogas plants set up in the country particularly in rural areas during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Punjab;
- (b) the number of operational and non-operational plants alongwith funds allocated under the National Project on Biogas Development during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether biogas stoves are freely available in the market at present;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make biogas stoves available to the people especially in rural areas?

Answer

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

- (a): About 4.80 lakh biogas plants have been setup mostly in rural areas of the country during the last three years and the current year upto 29th February, 2012. The State/ UT-wise details including Punjab are given in Annexure – I.
- (b): As per the report of evaluation study conducted by an independent agency during the year 2009-10, about 95.80 per cent of 3577 biogas plants surveyed were found functional in the country. The State/ UT-wise details of funds allocated under the National Project on Biogas Development during the last three years and the current year upto 29th February, 2012 are given in Annexure –II.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Madam. Biogas stoves with BIS specifications are produced by about 10 manufacturers in the country. Beneficiaries of biogas plants have the choice to procure the biogas stoves either from biogas programme implementing department/ agency or from approved manufacturers of the biogas stoves.
- (e): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy during the review meetings instructs the programme implementing departments/ agencies to ensure availability of quality stoves to the beneficiaries especially in rural areas.