

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

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POWER GENERATION FROM RICE HUSK  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to generate power from rice husk in rice producing areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any incentive is being given to the States for generating power from rice husk in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the State-wise number of such power generating plants set up by the Government in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been implementing a scheme for promotion of power generation from biomass including rice husk. A biomass power generation capacity of 620 MW has been achieved so far against a target of 500 Megawatt (MW) fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan period in the country. A total cumulative capacity of 1142 MW biomass power has been achieved upto 29.2.2012.

(c)&(d): Various fiscal and financial incentives such as concessional customs duty on import of machinery 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 this, a preferential tariff is being provided for sale of power from biomass power plants.

(e): State-wise details on number of such projects and capacity installed in the country are given in the Annexure. These projects are set up by independent power producers as commercial projects through private investments.