

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2077  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2012  
DEVELOPMENT OF BIO ENERGY  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether the bio-energy is the main source of power in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments along with the achievements made for the development of bio-energy during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. However, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is promoting off grid / distributed power generation in rural areas through biomass gasifiers to meet the unmet demand of electricity in villages and captive power generation in rice mills and other industries. Besides, power is also generated from biogas plants in rural households.

(c): The details of funds released and utilized by the State Governments and other project developers along with achievements made under biomass gasifier and biogas based programmes for rural areas during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2077 for 24.08.2012

Details of funds released and utilized by the State Governments and other project developers along with achievements made under biomass gasifier and biogas based programmes for rural areas during the last three years i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and current year i.e. 2012-13 (as on 31.07.2012)

S. No	Biomass Gasifier based		Biogas based power generation	
	Physical Achievements (in kilowatt)	Funds (Rs. in lakh)	Physical Achievements (in kilowatt)	Funds (Rs. in lakh)

Year	Rural and Utilised	Industries Sanctioned & Utilised	Sanctioned	Utilised
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1	2009-10	1082	11085	395.0	129	54.0	49.1
2	2010-11	1067	13434	349.0	137	183.5	106.8
3	2011-12	1120	12705	466.0	1900	537.8	208.0
4	2012-13	320	2760	18.6	4	nil	91.4

#Utilized from amount sanctioned during the year 2010-11 and 2011-12