

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROVISION OF FUNDS TO TERI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has funded The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) for generation of methane by wastes from landfill sites which can provide cooking gas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated generation of electricity during the year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve its generation capacity in the coming years and the details of precautions made to address the issue of emission of methane in the residential areas close to waste disposal sites; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has provided financial assistance jointly to The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi & Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi in March, 2010 to set-up a demonstration plant at Okhla Landfill site to develop and standardize an environment friendly technology for harvesting methane gas from the wastes which can be utilized as cooking gas and other purposes. However, the financial assistance was strictly for research purposes and not for commercial exploitation. After completion of the project in September, 2012 the demonstration plant was handed over to Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi to use it for their research works and the technology was disseminated through organizing a workshop to all the concerned organisations for implementation.