

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

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

- (a) whether Central finance assistance of LPG cylinders is more than towards setting up biogas plants;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to make biogas plants financially viable vis-à-vis LPG cylinders;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to cut subsidy on LPG while simultaneously promoting usage of biogas as a substitute; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has informed that the current rate of subsidy being provided to the domestic consumers of LPG is Rs 166.26 per cylinder, whereas the subsidy being provided for setting up of biogas plants varies from Rs 5500 to 17000 per plant depending upon the capacity of plants and category of beneficiaries and region of the country.

(b): Ministry of New and Renewable energy is implementing a National Biogas and Manure Management Programme as a Central Sector Scheme for promoting setting up of family type biogas plants. The Programme provides for capital subsidy, turn-key job fee for supervision of installation and free maintenance warrantee for five years, organization of training courses, workshops/seminars and information dissemination.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.