

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

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BIOGAS FOR COOKING  
Birla Shri Om

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

- (a) the schemes being implemented with the objective to encourage the use of biogas in the form of energy for cooking in the country;
- (b) whether any target was fixed to set up various community cooking stoves and mobile cooking stoves;
- (c) if so, the percentage increase registered in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance or grant; and
- (e) if so, the amount thereof alongwith the number of persons benefited?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) to promote setting up of family type biogas plants for meeting cooking fuel requirements.
- (b)&(c): Targets are fixed for setting up of family type biogas plants which are used primarily for cooking. A target of setting up of 1.06 lakh plants was fixed for the year 2013-14, against which 83,540 plants were installed. For the current year the target has been fixed as 1.10 lakh against which about 45,146 plants are reported to have been installed up to December 31, 2014. This is against 43,834 plants installed during the previous year up to December 31, 2013. Thus, the target for the current year and the achievement up to December 31 during the current year are higher than that during the previous year by about 1.7% and 3%, respectively.
- (d)&(e): Yes, Madam. The budget outlay for the 12th five year plan period is Rs. 650 crore for setting up of 6.50 lakh family type biogas plants. An amount of Rs. 307.08 crore has been released as Central Financial Assistance including subsidy for biogas plants, during the first two years of the 12th five year plan i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14, and the current year up to 12.03.2015, benefitting about 2.53 lakh families during this period.