

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6782
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2015
UNNAT CHULLAH SCHEME
Somaiya Dr. Kirit

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

- (a) whether desichullahs ignited by coal, wood, etc. causes pollution and affects the health of rural women;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to discard use of such chullahs by rural women;
- (c) whether the Government has issued directions for convergence of newly launched scheme of UnnatChullah under Indira AwaasYojana (IAY), if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend the UnnatChullah Scheme to other rural households those do not come under IAY, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes Madam, desichullahs ignited by coal, wood etc. produce smoke and other toxic pollutants that affects the health of rural women.
- (b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched the Unnat- ChullahAbhiyanProgramme in June 2014 so as to promote improved biomass cook- stoves in the country which are more efficient and produce less emissions so as to reduce drudgery of women and children and mitigate their health problems.
- (c): An advisory has been issued by Ministry of Rural Development to all States/UTs to work out the convergence of the scheme of IAY with UnnatChullahAbhiyan of MNRE to facilitate provision of the benefits under the scheme to IAY beneficiaries.
- (d): Yes Madam, the UnnatChullahAbhiyan Programme is covering all rural households in the country. During 2014-15 a total of 3.5 lakh improved cookstoves were allocated for different States/UTs as per details in the enclosed Annexure.