

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

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BIOMASS BASED POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to promote biomass based power generation/bagasse co-generation in the country to provide renewable energy to the people and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of Central Financial Assistance provided during the last three years to set up grid connected biomass power projects, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken initiative to ensure the supply of biomass for such projects; 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)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been promoting, efficient and economic use of biomass for power generation and optimum co-generation technology for surplus power generation from bagasse in sugar mills in the country by providing various fiscal and financial incentives.

The Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is provided to the lead financial institutes/banks which provide loan for setting up of biomass power projects to reduce loan amount. A total CFA of about ` 956 lakhs has been provided to various financial institutes/banks for the grid-connected biomass power projects set up in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu during the last three years.

(c)&(d): No, Madam. The Project developers have to arrange the adequate quantities of biomass for regular operation of biomass power plants.