

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

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BIO GAS PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the total quantum of bio-gas being produced in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the present number of bio-gas plants across the country;
- (c) if so, the details regarding respective States and places where the said bio-gas plants are likely to be set up;
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (e) the amount of funds likely to be allocated for setting up the said plants and the time by which the installation work in this regard is likely to begin; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to overcome various difficulties found in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The total production of biogas from family type biogas plants, medium and large capacity biogas plants installed under various programmes of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh, during the last three years and the current year is estimated to be about 480.18 crore cubic metres. The State/UT-wise and year-wise breakup of biogas production during the last three years and the current year upto 31.07.2014 is given at Annexure-I.

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. A target of setting up 1.10 lakh family type biogas plants with capacity in the range of 1 to 6 cubic metre per day under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme has been allocated to various States and Union Territories during the current year. The State/UT-wise targets for the current year are given at Annexure-II. No targets are allocated for medium and large capacity biogas plants, which are set up on the basis of proposals received from the State Nodal Agencies, etc. The selection of places and beneficiaries is normally done by the State Nodal Departments / Agencies and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

(d): Under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme, the funds are released to the States/UTs in accordance with the allocated targets, utilisation of funds released during the previous years and submission of claims. In respect of medium and large biogas plants, funds are released on reimbursement basis upon successful commissioning. The State/UT-wise and year-wise details of funds released and utilized for setting up biogas plants during the last three years are given at Annexure-III.

(e): The total budget allocation for setting up of 1.10 lakh family type biogas plants under National Biogas and Manure Management Programme is Rs 126.00 crore. This target number of biogas plants is expected to begin and get completed during the current year.

(f): The Central Financial Assistance under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme has been revised upwards for partly offsetting the increase in installation cost with effect from 08.05.2014. With a view to improve the quality of biogas plants, the Programme also provides for turn-key job fee for supervision of installation and free maintenance warrantee for five years, organization of training courses, and information dissemination through print and electronic media.