

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Functional Bio-gas Plants

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

- (a) the total number of bio-gas plants which are functional in Andhra Pradesh as on date, district-wise, including Krishna district;
- (b) whether the Union Government has reviewed the functioning of bio-gas plants in various States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to popularize bio-gas plants in the State including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a): A total of 25945 out of 26776 biogas plants installed during the previous two years and the current year 2016-17 (upto February,2017) have been reported to be functional in Andhra Pradesh. The details of the district-wise functional biogas plants setup under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) during the above said period in Andhra Pradesh including Krishna District is given at Annexure – I.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The functionality of biogas plants is reviewed, from time to time along with the review of the scheme, NBMMP in the meetings held with the States. The scheme is also evaluated for its performance, regularly by awarding independent evaluation studies and physical inspection of randomly selected installed biogas plants by the Biogas Development and Training Centres (BDTCs), functioning under the NBMMP. The State-wise functionality rate of biogas plants is given at Annexures –II & III respectively.

(d): Under the NBMMP setting up of family type biogas plants is being popularized by preparing standard publicity materials such as leaflets, booklets, posters, Do's and Don'ts etc. and conducting users training courses for wider dissemination in the States, for which financial assistance is provided under the information and publicity component of the scheme. For promotion of the use of biogas plants in Andhra Pradesh, wide publicity is given amongst the farmers through Biogas Development Associates (BDAs)/Biogas Self Employed Workers (SEWs) and information pamphlets prepared in telugu on biogas scheme, NBMMP are distributed by the State Nodal Agency (SNA), New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd., Hyderabad.
