

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:718  
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PROMOTION OF BIO GAS PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the policy of the Government regarding promotion of Bio-Gas plants;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any proposal for promotion of bio-gas plants in the cow-houses (Gaushala) in the country including Rajasthan by providing them technical support and subsidy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Bio-gas plants are forced to shut down in the country because of lack of proper maintenance arrangements;
- (e) if so, whether the Government propose to make people technically aware in this respect at rural and tehsil levels; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**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 (MNRE) is promoting setting up of biogas plants through three Central Sector Schemes as given below:

i National Biogas and Manure Management Programme: catering to setting up of family type biogas plants for meeting cooking energy needs of rural and semi-urban areas of the country.

ii Biogas Power Generation Programme: for setting up of biogas plants in the size range of 25 to 2000 cubic metres per day or 3 to 250 kW for producing biogas for power generation or for thermal applications.

iii Waste to Energy Programme: for setting up of large size biogas plants to recover energy from Urban, Industrial and Agricultural wastes/residues.

(b): Yes, Madam. Setting up of biogas plants in the Gaushalas is being supported under the programmes mentioned at serial number ii. & iii.

(c): The details of Central Financial Assistance applicable for biogas projects at Gaushalas are given in the Annexure.

(d): Yes, Madam. Some biogas plants shut down because of lack of proper maintenance. Due to this, the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) provides for the Turn Key Job Fee for supervision of installation besides free maintenance services for five years.

(e)&(f): A total of eight Biogas Development and Training Centers have been set up under NBMMP to organize training courses of various types namely: Training of users of biogas plants, Training of Government officials/ Bank Officials / Field Functionaries, Construction-Cum- Maintenance and Refresher Courses for Masons and Supervisors; and Turn-key Workers Training courses for Rural Energy Technicians / Entrepreneurs.