

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

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NATIONAL BIOMASS COOKSTOVES INITIATIVE
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of National Biomass Cookstoves Initiative (NBCI) launched in 2009;
- (b) whether such cookstoves have been distributed across the villages as a mission mode project by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether National Programme on Improved Chulhas is merged with the NBCI or functions as a different project;
- (e) if so, whether the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi was assigned to prepare an action plan for development and deployment of cookstoves and submit their recommendations in 2009-10;
- (f) if so, whether the IIT Delhi has submitted its recommendations; and
- (g) if so, the action taken on the recommendations so far?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): The National Biomass Cookstove Initiative (NBCI) of the Ministry taken up for enhancing availability of clean and efficient energy for energy deficient and poorer section of the society led to the launch of the Unnat Chulha Abhiyan for development and dissemination of 2.75 million improved chulhas/cookstoves in the country during the balance period of the 12th Plan.

(d),(e),(f)&(g): Since the National Programme of Improved Chulhas was transferred to the States, NBCI was taken up as a different project in 2009 and IIT Delhi and TERI Delhi were assigned to prepare the Action Plan for development and deployment of improved cookstoves. As per the recommendations of the Report submitted in May, 2010, testing facilities were set up at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Institute of Minerals & Metals, Bhubaneswar and Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur, BIS standards for thermal efficiency and emissions for improved portable biomass cookstoves were published in August 2013, pilot scale projects were taken up for testing and evaluation of community/family size biomass cookstoves, Programme of Activity (PoA) was registered with UNFCCC in 2012 for making improved cookstoves eligible for Carbon Credits under Clean Development Mechanism with Sardar Swaran Singh National Institute of Renewable Energy (SSS-NIRE), Jalandhar as the Coordinating and Managing Entity (CME) and the activities of the new Programme on Improved Cookstoves were finalized leading to the launch of the Unnat Chulha Abhiyan in 2014.