

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

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ELECTRICITY FROM PADDY HUSK
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for generating electricity from paddy husk in paddy growing areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any incentives are being provided by the Government to the States generating electricity from paddy husk;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of such plants set up by the Government so far, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is promoting generation of electricity from various agro-residues including paddy husk. Targets of 400 megawatt biomass power projects for the 12th Plan period and 100 megawatt during the current financial year i.e. 2014-15 have been fixed by MNRE.

(c)&(d): Fiscal incentives such as accelerated depreciation, concessional customs duty, excise duty exemption, income tax holiday for 10 years and preferential tariff are provided for biomass power projects. In addition, the Central Financial Assistance of Rs.25.0 lakh per megawatt in special category states and Rs.20.0 lakh per megawatt for other states with a cap of Rs.1.50 crores per project is being provided by MNRE for setting up of the biomass power projects.

(e): The State-wise details of biomass power projects set up so far is given at Annexure.