

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2022

Targets under SATAT Scheme

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has fixed target to set up 5,000 plants under Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme to reduce the imports of fossil fuels;
- (b) if so, whether the scheme envisages production of 15 MMT of Compressed Biogas (CBG) by 2023;
- (c) if so, the extent to which it has been achieved so far;
- (d) whether the Union Government has withdrawn subsidy/Central Finance Assistance to all kinds of biogas plants small, medium and bigger;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether withdrawal of subsidy on all kinds of biogas plants will impact India's goal of self-reliance in fossil fuels and affect 50 million farmers;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereon; and
- (h) the steps taken by the Union Government to make country self-reliant in fossil fuels?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) and (b): Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative launched in October, 2018 envisages setting up of 5000 Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants for production of 15 Million Metric Ton (MMT) per annum of CBG by 2023-24.

(c) As on 31st October 2022 Oil and Gas Marketing Companies participating in SATAT have issued 3694 Letters of Intent (LoI) to entrepreneurs for procurement of CBG produced by them. Further, 38 CBG/biogas plants with installed capacity around 225 MT per annum have been commissioned by LoI holders.

(d) Phase I Umbrella scheme of National Bioenergy Programmes of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy which *inter-alia* provides subsidy/Central Financial Assistance to all kinds of biogas plants has been extended upto 31.03.2026.

(e) to (g): Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(h) In order to reduce import dependency of the country in fossil fuels, Government has taken multiple steps / launched various policy initiatives to increase the domestic production of crude oil & natural gas and adopted strategies for promotion of biofuels, gas based economy, energy efficiency & energy conservation, improvement in refinery process and increasing renewable energy generation capacity.
