

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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ENERGY THROUGH AGRICULRAL WASTE
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to develop agro-focused localized power generation units in each State aimed at providing 24 hours electricity to rural sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (MNES) has taken steps to develop biomass gasifier system which can use wood as well as agricultural residues to generate producer gas which can be used for generation of electricity. Such biomass gasifier systems are being promoted in the country including rural areas under the biomass gasifier programme. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (MNES) provides Central Financial Assistance of Rs.1.5 lakh / 100kW biomass gasifier systems with dual fuel mode and Rs.15 lakh / 100 kW for biomass gasifier system coupled with 100% producer gas engine. Central Financial Assistance upto 90% of the benchmark cost of Rs.15 lakh for a basic package of 50 kW biomass gasifier project including housing and local distribution is provided under the programme of Electrification of Remote Villages.