

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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ENCOURAGING USE OF NON -CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidized and interest free loan to the rural population in order to encourage the use of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly in respect of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): Capital subsidy is being provided for installation of biogas plants (Rs.2,100 to Rs.11,700 per plant depending upon the capacity of the plant, category of the beneficiaries / areas) and biomass gasifiers (Rs.1.25 lakh to Rs. 15 lakh per system depending upon configuration and application). For solar photovoltaic water pumping systems, soft loan at 5% interest rate is being provided through Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency and capital subsidy of upto Rs.50,000 per system depending upon system size through State Nodal Agencies. In addition, upto 90% subsidy is being given under the Remote Village Electrification Programme for provision of renewable power / solar photovoltaic lighting systems to villages that are not likely to receive grid connectivity under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana. Central financial assistance amounting to Rs.49.13 crores has been provided to Uttar Pradesh during the first three years of 10th Plan, i.e., 2002-03 to 2004-05 for renewable energy systems/ devices.