

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

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SETTING UP OF BIO- GAS PLANTS
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether against the estimated potential of 120 lakh Biogas plants only 36.70 lakh plants have been set up in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not achieving the target; and
- (c) the steps taken to achieve the target?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. So far a cumulative total of about 38 lakh family type biogas plants have been set up in the country since 1981-82, against the estimated potential of 120 lakh biogas plants under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP).

(b): The estimate of 120 lakh plants is potential and not target. Targets are fixed on an annual basis depending upon potential, achievement, resources and response of the State Governments and agencies. For 2005-06, the original target of 25,000 plants was revised to about 66,000 plants in December, 2005. Already 33,700 plants have been achieved by December, 2005.

(c): For achieving the enhanced target for 2005-06, the Government have undertaken many steps, such as, organising awareness raising campaigns and publicity through both print and electronic media as well local art-forms, training of women users in villages and masons at the district level, supporting State level Biogas Development and Training Centres and providing financial assistance as Central subsidy to beneficiaries; turn-key job fee with first three years' free maintenance warranty to non-governmental organisations, public corporate bodies and societies, entrepreneurs; and service charges to State Nodal departments and programme implementing agencies.