

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3189  
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PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY BY NEW TECHNIQUES .  
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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

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- (a) Whether the Government is aware that a voluntary organization in Rohtak has developed a new technique to generate electricity from agricultural wastes of cotton, arhar, sarson paddy, sugarcane and wheat;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the equipment and technique of the said technique had been accredited by Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi;
- (d) If so, whether the UNDP has given a project award of Rs. 20.03 lakhs in this regard; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to encourage the generation of electricity at a very cheap rate?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A non-governmental organization, namely Navreet Energy Research and Information (NERI), Rohtak, Haryana reported to have developed a gasifier system based on agricultural wastes for generating electricity, which is, however, not a new technique.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): As informed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, a Memorandum of Agreement signed between the United Nations Office for Project Services and NERI mentions an award of U.S. Dollars 30,934, i.e., Rs. 14,18,014.60 for a project entitled 'Pilot clean and green technology and organic farming concept towards empowerment and better livelihoods'. The Government continues to provide financial, fiscal and other incentives for encouraging the use of gasifier systems for generation of electricity from biomass, including agricultural wastes wherever feasible.