

in minority concentration districts has gained momentum since approval of the first district plan on 25th August, 2008. An amount of Rs. 1243.78 crore has already been released for implementation of this programme in minority concentration districts.

(c) The scheme of MsDP has a monitoring mechanism for regular review at different levels in district, State/UT and Centre. The State and district level committees for Prime Minister's New 15 point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities also serve as the State and district as the State and district level committees for MsDP. The programme is also reviewed by an Oversight Committee at the Centre and the State Government/UT administration.

Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu

2541. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for setting up District Advisory committees for Renewable Energy, Renewable Energy Clubs and Energy Parks in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has provided financial assistance amounting Rs. 0.65 lakh to Engineering College in Cuddalore District and Rs. 1.35 lakh to Engineering College in Namakkal District of Tamil Nadu for setting up of District Level Energy Parks (DLEPs) during the year 2007-2008 only. No funds were released for District Advisory Committees and Renewable Energy Clubs during the last three years.

(c) DLEPs have created awareness about the renewable energy technologies, systems and devices amongst engineering students, faculties and visitors in general.

Power Generation by Syngas Technology;

2542. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any MoU with European and American companies for generating power by using Syngas technology;

(b) the details of States identified for the purpose;