

(c) whether Surat, Mehsana, Rajkot, Bharuch and Amerli has been identified for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Programme for Electricity Generation

2543. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes another mass programme on the line of MGNREGA of peoples participation in electricity generation by solar power which makes the consumer as producer; and

(b) if so, whether Government has requested corporates and multinationals to invest in production of the solar panels in mass scale?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) The Government has recently announced Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission which aims at creating capacity of 20,000 MW grid solar power and 2,000 MW off-grid solar power including 20 million solar lights by 2022. In addition, it aims at installation of 20 million square meter solar thermal collector area by 2022. Under the Mission, various categories of consumers can install solar systems for production of electricity for their own use or feeding to the grid. The Mission is expected to generate employment for the people, through no wage guarantee, as under MGNREGA, is envisaged.

Under the Mission, the solar power plants are to be installed by project developers on build, own and operate basis where corporates and multinationals are eligible to participate.

Proposal of Jharkhand under National Project on Biogas Development

2544. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jharkhand Government has submitted any proposal under the National Project on Biogas Development; and

(b) if so, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b)
Government of Jharkhand has not submitted any proposal under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP). However, based on the performance of the State during the year 2009-10 a target for the installation of 1000 numbers of family type biogas plants for the year 2010-11 has been allocated under the programme to the State of Jharkhand.

Biogas Development Projects in Maharashtra

2545. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status on the Plan submitted by Maharashtra Government under the National Project on Biogas Development; and

(b) the other projects envisaged for the State?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b)
The request from State Government of Maharashtra for allocation of a physical target of 20,000 numbers of biogas plants for the year 2010-11 was received on 6th April 2010, after the due date. However, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has allocated a tentative target for the installation of 8000 numbers of family type biogas plants under the National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) during the year 2010-11 on 12-03-2010, based on an interim achievement of 6183 plants reported by the State so far as against the target of 8000 plants for the year 2009-10.

In addition to the allocation of physical target under NBMMP, 21 numbers of projects with a cumulative capacity of 178 KW for installation of small capacity (3-20 KW) biogas based power generation plants and 2 numbers of projects having cumulative capacity of 6.42 MW based on distillery spent wash and food processing industry waste have been sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra.

Development of solar energy cities

†2546. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.