

Pilot projects to generate energy from municipal solid waste

2418. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up five pilot projects to generate energy from municipal solid wastes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of cities identified for the purpose and the financial assistance proposed to be provided for each project; and
- (c) by when these projects are likely to be in operation?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing a programme for, setting up of five new projects on energy recovery from municipal solid wastes (MSW). Under this programme, projects have been taken up in the cities of Bangaluru, Hyderabad, New Delhi and Pune. These projects are eligible for central financial assistance of Rs. 2.00 crore per megawatt with upper limit of Rs. 10.00 crore per project, subject to fulfillment of terms and conditions of the programme. Benefits of Customs and Excise Duty concessions are also provided for initial setting up of power generation plants based on MSW.

(c) One project of 16 megawatt capacity at Okhla, New Delhi is in operation since May, 2012 and others are expected to be completed by December, 2013.

Renewable energy resources in Meghalaya

2419. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite being rich in different renewable energy resources, Meghalaya still faces highest electricity deficit in the country;
- (b) whether Government has done any study to identify the renewable energy potential in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, source-wise and the details of support provided by the Central Government to tap these resources to meet the electricity shortfall?