

**Financial Assistance to Assam**

1652. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given/ proposes to give any financial assistance to Assam under any scheme, for new and renewable energy;

(b) if so, the names of those schemes and the financial assistance given under each of the scheme; and

(c) the details of progress made, so far?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has provided financial assistance to a number of projects in Assam under renewable energy schemes/programmes.

(b) Details of the schemes/programmes where financial assistance was provided to Assam during the last 3 years and the funds released under each are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Details of the progress made during the last 3 years, as also the cumulative progress, made so far (up to 31.3.2012) under the above mentioned renewable schemes/programmes are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Details of the schemes/programmes where financial assistance was provided to Assam during the last 3 years, the funds released and progress made under each during the last 3 years viz. 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12*

Sl. No.	Scheme/ Programmes	Funds released during last 3 years (Rs. in crore)	Progress during last 3 years (up to 31.3.2012)	Cumulative progress (up to 31.3.2012)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Small hydro power	3.60	4MW (installed)	31MW (installed) 18 MW (under installation)
2.	Biogas plants	20.20	24,067 nos (installed)	95,209 nos. (installed)

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Remote Village Electrification	20.62	1,571 villages/hamlets (completed) 106 villages/hamlets (sanctioned)	2,192 villages/hamlets (completed)
4.	Biomass Gasifiers	0.126	1,150 kW (sanctioned) (3 nos. industrial systems)	1,883 kW (installed)
5.	Solar Thermal Systems	0.16	834 sq.m. collector area (sanctioned) 654 sq.m. collector area (installed)	~1,000 sq.m. collector area (installed)
6.	Solar Cities	0.22	2 master plans prepared) (Guwahati and Jorhat)	2 master plans prepared) (Guwahati and Jorhat)
7.	Solarphotovoltaic systems	12.22	Power plants - 1260.5 kW (sanctioned) Home lights - 291 nos. (sanctioned) Street lights - 288 nos. (sanctioned)	Power plants -212.5 kW (installed) Home lights - 5,870 nos. (installed) Street lights - 98 nos. (installed)

#### Incentive for investment in wind power sector

1653. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Generation Based Incentives (GBI) scheme is likely to be restored to give boost to investment in wind power sector;

(b) the reasons for withdrawal of this incentive at the first place; and

(c) what benefits the incentives would provide to the investor and how it would boost the wind energy generation?