

GOBAR Dhan Scheme

2110. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources)- Dhan Scheme has been able to create wealth and promote energy from waste;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action required to promote cleanliness in the village by economizing on waste generated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) to (d) The Gobrdhan scheme has been launched with the objective to ensure cleanliness in villages through solid waste management and to increase rural income and employment by converting bio-degradable cattle, agricultural and other wastes, into bio-gas, bio slurry and compost thereby providing additional income and employment to the people.

The projects to be undertaken by Gram Panchayats, Self help Groups, Bulk Waste Generators/ Entrepreneurs, are at their initial stage of implementation. To promote cleanliness in villages, the scheme provides options for collection of bio-degradable wastes from households and to use it as input for bio-gas plants constructed. Bio-gas and/or Bio-siurry generated from the biogas plants will be supplied to households and farmers, which would help them economically.

Safe drinking water to every household

2111. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of households, which have to travel more than half a kilometer everyday to get drinking water;
- (b) whether it is a fact that over 30 per cent of Indians get their water from unsafe sources including untreated sources from tap and uncovered wells;
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;