

Research on Tidal power

1065. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is undertaking any research/study to generate electricity from the tidal waves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is planning to set up new project in the country to fulfil the demands of electricity from the tidal waves;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has not undertaken any research/study to generate electricity from the tidal waves in the country.

(c) to (e) No Sir, the Government is not planning to setup any tidal power project due to high capital cost of the Tidal power plants.

Energy generation from biomass

1066. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a flagship programme for setting up plants for converting biomass to electricity;
- (b) whether such plants are currently operational in any part of India; and
- (c) whether there exists a plan to improve and enable such plants so that they can substantially contribute to the grid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy was running a programme to support biomass based power generation and cogeneration in sugar mills and industries during 11th and 12th plan period. Under this programme, Central Financial Assistance (CFA) has been given for setting up of projects based on biomass. Under the implemented programme biomass based projects