

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**POWER GENERATION FROM RICE BRAN**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that a private sector company is generating power from rice bran in Bihar and the World Bank has proposed to extend financial support to this company;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry wants to encourage power generation from rice bran;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reason therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

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(a)&(b):A private sector company, M/s Husk Power System Pvt. Ltd., Patna, Bihar is generating power and supplying electricity to the villages through gasifier system using rice husk (not rice bran). As per information received from the said company, International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group has made an equity investment of US \$ 3,50,000 in M/s Husk Power System Pvt. Ltd., Patna, Bihar.

(c)&(d):Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is promoting power generation from biomass including rice husk through various technologies viz. combustion, co-generation and gasification. Various fiscal and financial incentives such as capital subsidy linked with capacity and fiscal incentives such as concessional customs duty on import of machinery and components, excise duty exemption, accelerated depreciation on major components and relief from taxes are being provided for setting up of biomass power projects. Besides, preferential tariff is being provided for sale of power from biomass power projects. So far a total of 1,000 MW capacity power plants from biomass including rice husk have been installed in the country.

(e):Does not arise.