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REVISION OF BIOMASS GUIDELINES

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

- (a) whether Government has revised Biomass guidelines to boost energy and ease of doing business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal to increase funding for biomass energy projects in Himachal Pradesh, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to establish more biomass - based plants in order to ensure sustainable management, energy security, adoption of biomass technologies for improvement of stubble management with a goal of achieving net zero emission by 2070?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a)& (b) Yes. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has revised the Biomass Scheme guidelines to boost energy and ease of doing business. The key revisions are summarized as under:

- i. Reduced paperwork to promote ease of doing business by reducing the requirement of paper documentation, easing the process of inspection and simplification of performance assessment system.
- ii. Adoption of IoT-based monitoring or quarterly data submissions in place of SCADA systems.
- iii. Relaxing the requirement of two-year contract for sale.

(c) No, no such proposal has been received to increase funding for Biomass energy projects in Himachal Pradesh.

(d) (i) **The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** supports installation of bioenergy plants under different components of National Bioenergy Programme (NBP) by providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA). This includes biomass-based (non-bagasse based) plants for power generation, briquettes/ pellets manufacturing plants and compressed biogas plants. The Central Financial Assistance (CFA) being provided under the NBP for the above purpose.

(ii) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare under the Crop Residue Management (CRM) Scheme provide incentives for management of crop residue.

(iii) Central Pollution Control Board, provides one-time financial support under Environment Protection Charge funds for establishment of pelletization and torrefaction plants to promote utilization of paddy straw.
