

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.158
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023**

POLICY OF BIOMASS UTILIZATION FOR POWER GENERATION

158. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

**Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the percentage of biomass for co-firing in coal based power plants vis-a-vis the Policy of Biomass utilization for power generation through co-firing in coal based power plants issued in October 2021 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the rate remuneration offered to farmers for providing biomass for co-firing in coal based power plants vis-a-vis the Policy of Biomass utilization for power generation through co-firing in coal based power plants;**
- (c) whether the agro-residue pellets are obtained directly from farmers and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government is implementing/proposes to implement other measures in order to increase the farmers incomes' by utilisation of stubble in power sector and if so, the details thereof?**

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THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

- (a) : No, Sir. Presently, emphasis is on ensuring implementation of notified policy.**
- (b) & (c) : As per the policy, biomass pellets are to be procured by Thermal Power Plants, through competitive bidding, from different vendors, including Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs).**
- (d) : The development of biomass supply chain mechanism is expected to generate source of revenue for the farmers through procurement of raw biomass from farmers by pellet manufacturers/aggregators.**
