

# **Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan)**

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### **Benefits (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan))**

- Helps in managing a major portion of solid waste in villages i.e cattle dung and agricultural waste and promotes environmental sanitation. Substantially reduces vector
- borne diseases and promotes public health. Promotes household income and saving as the use of biogas reduces the expenditure on LPG. Helps in generating organic manure which enhances agriculture and farm productivity. Promotes employment and income generation opportunities for SHGs/farmers' groups. Helps in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promotes environmental sustainability. Helps to save foreign exchange by reducing the need for the import of natural gas.

### **Eligibility (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan))**

- For Individual Household Model: Individual Households identified by the Gram Panchayats. For Cluster Model: Cluster of Households identified by the Gram Panchayats, in association with Cooperatives, Milk Unions, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), SHGs, CBOs developed under DAY
- NRLM, Private entrepreneurs, etc. These households should have a minimum of 3 to 4 cattle. For Community Model: Households identified by the Gram Panchayats. For Commercial Model: Entrepreneurs/Cooperatives/Gaushalas/Dairies, etc. are eligible to setup large biogas/Compressed Bio gas (CBG) plants Villages with a high population of cattle should be taken on priority.

### **Application Process (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan))**

- Step 1: The Gram Panchayat will identify the beneficiaries with the support of SHGs/FPOs/milk cooperatives/milk unions/ private entrepreneurs/CBOs developed under DAY-NRLM/agencies selected or empanelled by States/Districts/BDTCs etc.
- Step 2: The project plan document will be prepared with the support of identified/empanelled agencies/ BDTCs etc.
- masons/barefoot technicians/engineers who would construct the biogas plants will be identified.
- Step 3: Approval for administrative and technical proposals will be sought from competent authorities.
- O&M; plan should also be part of the project proposal.

### **Documents Required (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan))**

- Aadhaar Card. Corporate Identification Number (CIN)/ Registration Number. Permanent Account Number (PAN). Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTN). Plant/Project Details. Financial Statement.

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