Biomass resources and existing practices in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu – experiences from field trip

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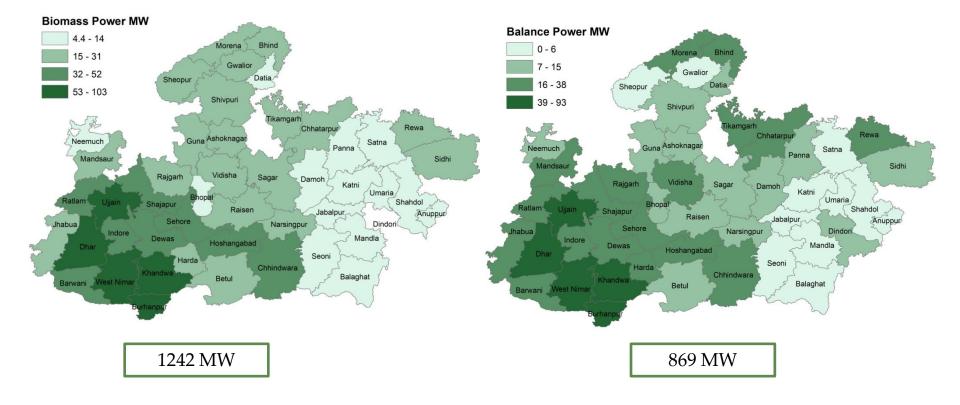


Biomass power in MP, MH and TN

	Madhya Pradesh	Maharashtra	Tamil Nadu
Target (MWe)	300	400	-
Installed capacity (MWe)	59	180	177
Registered capacity (MWe)	314	400	-
No of plants	14	18	19
Power tariff (Rs/KWh)	5.64	5.41	5.75
Plant restriction (km)	25 (15MW)	5taluks	-
Subsidy/incentives			
Capital subsidy	Rs20 lakh X (CMW)^0.646	Rs20 lakh X (CMW)^0.646	Rs20 lakh X (CMW)^0.646
Wheeling charges (%)	4	-	-
Electricity duty (years)	5	10	NO
Evacuation expenses (%)	-	50	-
Third party sale	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed



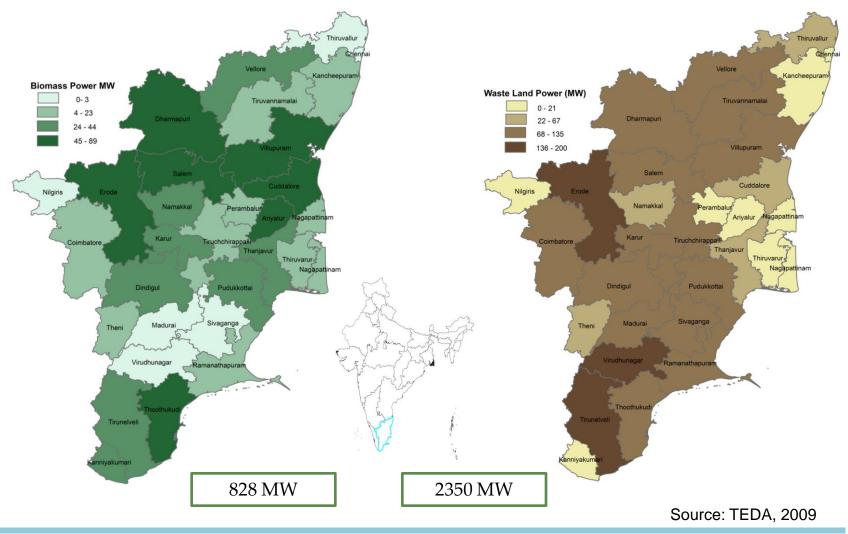
Biomass power production potential in Madhya Pradesh



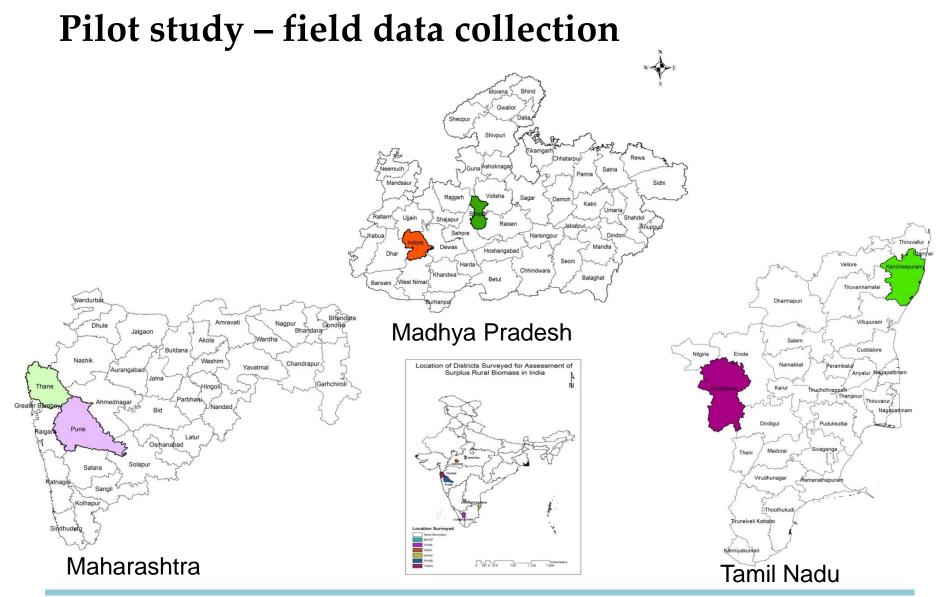
Data source: MPEDA,1998



Biomass power production potential in Tamil Nadu









Field survey















Major agro-biomass in Bhopal and Indore

Major Crop Residues

Wheat stalk



Key figures

•1.5 CRR •3250 Rs/ton @field •4500 Rs/ton @dairy farm •Harvesting – March – April



Soybean stalk



•1.7 CRR
•2400 Rs/ton
•1000bricks - 50 kg soybean
•Less rainfall - chickpea
•Harvesting - Sept/October
•Burning practice



Industrial residue potential in Bhopal and Indore

Sawmill residuals







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Current practices







Key figures

- •Rich in Teak and Babul
- •Bhopal (180) and Indore (225)
- •Avg 1.5- 3 m³ wood per day
- •Sawdust 10% coefficient
- Firewood 10-15% coefficient
- •Sawdust 4000 Rs/ton
- •Firewood 4500 Rs/ton

Approximately, one sawmill can supply 2-4 tons of sawdust and 3-6 tons of firewood every month.

Other potential biomass resources for power generation



Sugarcane trash burning



Jatropha plantations on Govt wastelands



Medicinal plant wastes - Pharmaceutical industry



Major agro-biomass in Thane and Pune

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Paddy straw





- •1.5 CRR
- •3-3.6 tons/ha yield
- •150 dairy farms (50-80
- buffaloes) • 2000Rs/ton @field

- •0.05 CRR tops
- •0.33 CRR bagasse
- •100 tons/ha yield
- •16 sugar mills (8 co-gen)
- 2000 Rs/ton sugarcane
- •4crores/MW cogeneration

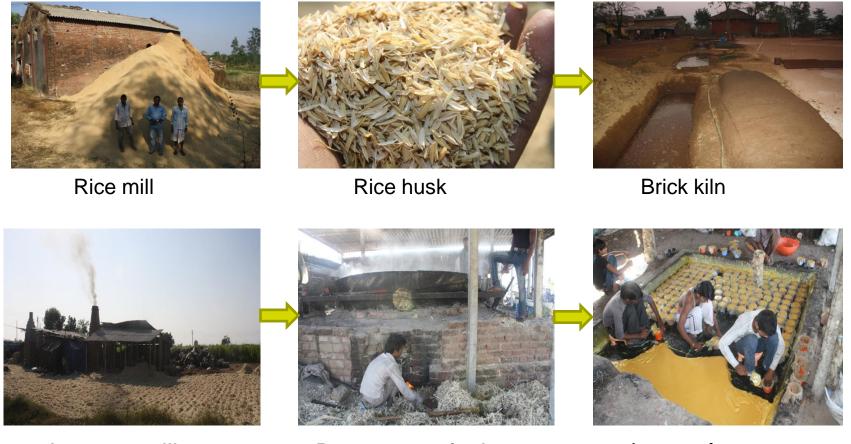








Industrial residues in Thane and Pune



Jaggery mill

Bagasse as fuel

Jaggery for export



Other potential biomass resources in MH



Burning of beir grass



Vegetable wastes - bitter guard



Kasai grass



Cotton



Case example: Anant Urja Ltd (1.25 MWe), Bhopal, MP













Specification	Unit	Value
Gasifier type		Downdraft
Fuel size	DL	10 -75
Fuel MC	W-%	<20
Biomass consumption	Kg/hr	630
Gasification temp	°C	1050-1100
Power output	KWe	5 x 250

Parameters	Unit	Costs
Investment cost	Crore/MW	6
Biomass price	Rs/kg	1-2
Briquetting	Rs/kg	2-4



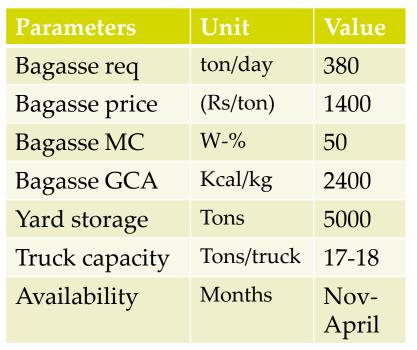
Case examples: OGPL (10 MWe), Narshingpur, MP













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Case examples: Skendra (13 MWe), Aurangabad, MH





Cotton stalks



Maize cobs



Soybean husk

•MIDC

- •Plant operation
 - November to April
- Cotton stalks
 - -2100 Rs/ton @53%MC
- •Maize cobs
 - -2400 Rs/ton @20%MC
- •Soybean husks
 - -3000 Rs/ton @25%MC



Case/bad example: Sri Guruprabha ltd (10MWe), Jalgoan, MH





Biomass supply

- Continuous supply of at least one principle feedstock forms an important criteria for power plant site selection (e.g. coconut residues)
- Seasonality and short collection window of agricultural crops (e.g. soybean stalks)
- Long time storage deteriorates biomass characteristics (also hygroscopic) besides need for huge storage yards
- Optimal fuel mix ratio effects biomass to power conversion efficiency (considering MC of different fuels)





• Supply chain

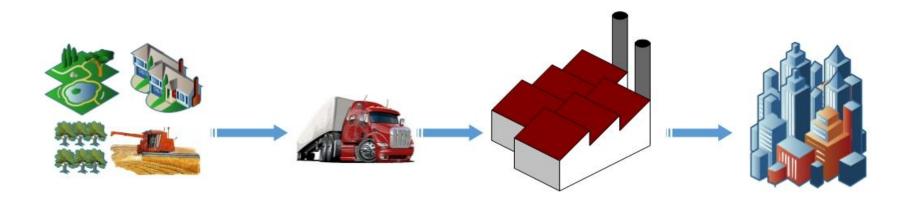
- Supply chain system is location specific.
- Vehicle carrying capacity varies between 1.3 ton 30 tons
- Mechanical and manual operations
- Long transportation distance (20 250 kms)





• Challenges

- Lack of clear 'energy planning strategy' regarding biomass based power production.
- Lack of new scientific innovations or interests in advanced biomass to power technology development.
- Lack of partnerships between companies- government- universities and research organizations.





- Opportunities
 - Most farmers are willing to support and supply their biomass for power production (opportunity cost).
 - CF, Indore and other forest officials are interested to raise energy plantations through Joint Forest Management initiatives in degraded forest lands (joint agreements between company and departments).
 - Contract farming methods to bridge the gap between supply and demand (also achieve self sufficiency).
 - Creating a new bio-based economy to provide employment opportunities and protect environment by reducing GHG emissions.
 - Availing the CDM (UNFCCC) and CER (India) benefits



Combu Napier (CN4)

•40-45 t/acre •3513 kcal/kg dry •6% ash •81% MC wet •30-35 t/acre (1^{st y}) •45 t/acre(4th y) •4200 kcal/kg dry •40-42% MC wet

K-636 Leucaena leucocephala (subabul)



Demand driven energy plantations in Kancheepuram

- Due to high demand of softwood in matchstick, plywood industry some farmers promoting energy plantation like *Casuarina* and *Eucalyptus* sp. in some parts of Kancheepuram district.
 - Casuarina: around 1000-2000 plants/acre with the rotation of 3-4 years
 - During final cutting stump will be uprooted and one year old seedlings will be planted newly
 - Yield: 3-5 tones/ rotation/acre wood and around 1 tone stump is generating which usually used as fire wood for household purposes
 - Wild palm trees are commonly found in cultivable waste lands and barren land. Every year the leaves and branches naturally falls on growth of tree. Local community use palm leaves for thatching roof and branches used as fire wood. However, still surplus of biomass can bee seen this field





Let's join together to create a better opportunity for our future generations!



All Pictures: Karthik's production





