

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF REGIONAL OFFICES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has decided to close down all its regional offices;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the locations where such offices are situated at present;
- (c) whether any adverse effects likely to cast on these States after the closure of these regional offices;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether certain States have expressed their displeasure on it; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): The regional offices of this Ministry were set up in some selected states as a part of a deployment strategy to, by and large, fill in the gap that had arisen as a consequence of accelerated demand for renewable energy systems/devices that emanated out of either a positive environment that had been created in the state or on account of affirmative action on this Ministry's part. Moreover, most Renewable Energy State Nodal Agencies did not exist at the time of creation of regional offices.

Most objectives set for the regional offices have been attained. Since this Ministry is facing an extreme shortage of scientific manpower, the need, therefore, has been felt to redeploy some such manpower. However, in effecting the rationalization, it would be ensured that progress in the states is tracked on a continuous basis through the Renewable Energy State Nodal Agencies, that have been specifically set up for the purpose.