

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

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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to evolve a policy for Non-Conventional Energy sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be announced; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Policy formulation in Government is a dynamic process. Much work has already been done in this direction. As a result, over 5500 MW grid interactive renewable power systems have been installed, as on 31-12-2004. The pace of such renewable power installation has picked up resulting in 15 per cent contribution to the total power generation installed capacity in the country during the first two years of the 10th Plan, i.e., 2002-03 and 2003-04 against the aim of 10 per cent. In addition, 5000 remote villages, where grid extension is either not cost-effective or feasible, are expected to be electrified through renewable means during the 10th Plan period of which 1744 remote villages have already been electrified, as on 31-12-2004. This apart, 3.5 million and 1.0 million households have been provided with biogas plants and solar home lighting systems respectively apart from 1.0 million metre square collector area having been installed, essentially for water heating purposes. The progress of deployment of renewable energy systems/devices is highly satisfactory.