

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3975  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2004  
PROMOTION OF NCES  
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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of steps taken to promote Non-conventional Energy Sources in West Bengal during the last three years and thereafter, Scheme-wise and also the quantum of funds given to the State for the same;
- (b) whether there is huge amount with the State Government which has not been spent during the above period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for utilization of unspent funds?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Ministry is implementing various programmes/schemes and providing central financial assistance for setting up non-conventional energy systems/ devices throughout the country, including West Bengal. In addition, fiscal incentives and accelerated depreciation are also available for setting up grid interactive power projects. This apart, 90% subsidy is provided for electrification of unelectrified remote census villages, i.e., those villages that are not likely to be connected to the grid by 2012. Details of various non-conventional energy systems/devices installed in West Bengal during last three years, i.e., 2001-02 to 2003-04 are given in Annexure. A total amount of Rs.69.16 crore has been provided as central financial assistance under various programmes to West Bengal during the said period.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 3975 for 24.8.2004 regarding Promotion of NCES.

Details of various non-conventional energy systems / devices installed in West Bengal during the last three years, i.e., 2001-02 to 2003-04.

Sl.No.	Systems/devices	Achievements
1.	Biogas plants (nos.)	49970
2.	Biomass gasifier (kW)	5220
3.	Solar home lighting systems (nos.)	12341
4.	Solar street lighting systems (nos.)	151
5.	Solar lantern	191
6.	Off-grid solar power plants (kWp)	110
7.	Remote Village Electrification	557
8.	Wind power (MW)	0.67
9.	Grid interactive solar power (kWp)	25
10.	Small hydro power (MW)	03

MW = Megawatt;  
kWp = Kilowatt peak