

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:430
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MINI POWER PLANTS BY IREDA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

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

- (a) whether IREDA and other agencies extend financial assistance to mini-power plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of applications cleared during each of the last two years ;
- (c) the conditions under which Government gives assistance to such units ;
- (d) whether the Government have not extended assistance uniformly to all deserving applicants ; and
- (e) if so, the steps proposed to introduce transparency and also efficiency in the process of financing such units producing energy from non-conventional sources ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 430 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2002 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MINI POWER PLANTS BY IREDA BY S BRAHMANAIAH,

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), under the administrative control of this Ministry, extends loans to mini power plants based on wind energy, small hydro, bio-energy and solar energy. Financial Institutions and commercial banks also extend financial assistance to such projects, as per their own norms. IREDA has so far sanctioned 151 projects during 2000-01 and 116 projects during 2001-02. Sector-wise details are given in Annexure.

(c), (d) & (e) : The Government provides central financial assistance to such units in the form of capital subsidy & interest subsidy uniformly depending upon eligibility criteria of different schemes, technical feasibility and economic viability , subject to budgetary provisions.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 430 FOR 19.12 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MINI POWER PLANTS BY IREDA.

Sector-wise details of the projects sanctioned by IREDA during the last two years

Sector 2000-01 2001-02

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----|----|
| Wind Energy | 43 | 33 |
| Small Hydro | 19 | 10 |
| Energy Efficiency & Conservation | 8 | 4 |
| Solar Photovoltaic | 33 | 16 |
| Solar Thermal | 27 | 31 |
| Cogeneration | 8 | 3 |
| Biomass power | 8 | 9 |
| Briquetting | 4 | 1 |
| Biomethanation | 1 | - |
| Waste to Energy | - | 4 |
| Biomass Gasifier | - | 1 |
| Small Biogas | - | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 2 |

Total 151 116