

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

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SEMINAR OF ENERGY MINISTERS ON RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a seminar of energy ministers of States was held in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main recommendations made therein and accepted by the Government for implementation; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these recommendations?

Answer

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

(a),(b) & (c): A Conference of Ministers of Power and Renewable Energy was held on June 29th 2004 at New Delhi to discuss about implementation of renewable energy programmes in the States. The Conference supported the new initiatives proposed by the Ministry and recommended their implementation. These include the development of a Village Energy Security Programme based on renewable energy including electrification; 20th August to be observed as Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Divas; setting up of District Advisory Committee for renewable energy in each district; and, setting up of Renewable Energy Centers in every State. Necessary action has been taken to implement these recommendations. Certain other suggestions also emerged from the Conference which will be suitably incorporated in various schemes where necessary.