

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

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R AND D PROGRAMME FOR NCES  
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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

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(a) the steps taken by the Government to improve Research and Development work and upgrading training programme for Non-Conventional Energy Sources; and

(b) the details of the plan size for the current year as well as the last two years for R&D and upgrading Training Programme for Non-Conventional Energy Sources?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources is providing central financial assistance for supporting a broad-based research and development programme in various areas of non-conventional energy involving R&D institutions/ organizations and industry across the country. Dedicated R&D institutions of this Ministry such as the Solar Energy Centre and the Centre for Wind Energy Technology are facilitating research in solar and wind respectively. In addition, the Alternate Hydro Energy Centre, IIT, Roorkee has been strengthened to work in the area of small hydro. This Ministry also supports training programmes in various technical institutions across the country.

(b): During 2006-07, a plan provision of Rs. 43 crore for research and development, Rs.23 crore for Solar Energy Centre, Centre for Wind Energy Technology and National Institute of Renewable Energy and Rs. 3 crore for training in non-conventional energy sources has been made and an expenditure of Rs. 15.57 crore and Rs. 12.36 crore were incurred during 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively for the aforesaid purposes.