

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED RURAL ENERGY PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Member Planning Commission on Integrated Rural Energy Programme have been accepted by the Government.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) the hurdles being faced in proper implementation of the programme; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a), (b) & (c) : No Expert Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Member Planning Commission on the Integrated Rural Energy Programme.

(d)&(e): The Integrated Rural Energy Programme is being implemented by the State/UT Governments as a centrally sponsored scheme. The hurdles faced in the implementation of the programme were lack of adequate financial resources. The programme was modified in 2003-04 to improve its implementation through higher central financial assistance, increased focus on human resource development, and coordination & monitoring using information technology.