

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

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INTEGRATED RURAL ENERGY PROGRAMME  
Sainuji Shri Kowase Marotrao

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

- (a) the manner of implementation of Integrated Rural Energy Programme in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) the salient features of this programme;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study about the progress of the implementation of the above programme in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State / UT-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

- (a): The Integrated Rural Energy Programme was implemented upto 2006-07 through the State Governments as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Central and State Governments in the country, including the State of Maharashtra and discontinued with effect from 1st April, 2007.
- (b): The salient features of the Integrated Rural Energy Programme were implementation of programme in cluster of villages mode, preparation of energy plans at micro- & macro-levels, demonstration of renewable energy & energy conservation devices / systems and organizing awareness & training programmes.
- (c),(d)&(e): While drawing up proposals for the 11th Plan, the Integrated Rural Energy Programme was reviewed and a decision was taken to discontinue the programme, as it had already demonstrated its objectives and most of the components of this programme have been covered in the other programmes / schemes of the Ministry.