

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

- (a) the amount of financial assistance provided under the Research, Design, Development and Demonstration(RDD&D) framework to develop new and renewable energy technologies during the last three years and current year so far;
- (b) the proportion of funds under the RDD&D being provided to State/UT universities in the country including universities in Odisha and percentage out of them being extended to industry;
- (c) whether the focus areas for financial assistance under this scheme have been extended; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a):Under the Research, Design, Development & Demonstration, the Ministry has provided total financial assistance of Rs.190.51 crores and Rs.45.54 crores for the implementation of the R&D projects for development of new and renewable energy technologies during the last three years and the current year, respectively.

(b):Under the RDD&D framework, the Ministry may provide up to 100% funding for a proposal from R&D /academic institutions/ universities, government/non-profit research organizations and NGOs. However, for the projects that involve partnership with industry the financial assistance is normally restricted to 50% of the project cost.

(c)&(d):The focus areas for financial assistance are solar energy, bio-energy and hydrogen and fuel cells for research, design, development and demonstration.