

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

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PROMOTION OF SOLAR ENERGY  
Galla Shri Jayadev

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

- (a) the extent to which the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) is helping in promoting solar energy and training people in the area of solar energy sector;
- (b) whether technical people in solar energy sector are much less than the requirement in the country;
- (c) if so, whether there are any plans to open up regional centres for NISE;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a): The National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) is apex national center for research and technology development in the area of solar energy. The institute is involved in demonstration, standardization, interactive research, training and testing of solar technologies and systems. Training and Human Resource Development is an important activity of the institute. It organizes national and international training programme in the domain of renewable energy and solar energy.
- (b): With increasing interest in solar energy, there is an increasing demand of trained and skilled manpower in the domain of solar energy.
- (c): No Madam there are no plans to open regional centre as of now.
- (d): Question does not arise.
- (e): There several other institutions like engineering colleges, polytechnics, ITI etc. in the Country where learning in Solar technology is available.