



Lok Sabha

The Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy said that the Ministry is taking steps for mass awareness about the need, benefits and uses of renewable energy through a judicious use of the existing Government channels viz. State Nodal Agencies (SNAs), Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP), Doordarshan, All India Radio (AIR) and Department of Posts, etc. Variety of media like electronic, print and outdoor publicity through exhibitions, hoardings, kiosks and other outdoor media activities are also used for popularization of renewable energy systems and devices. District level and State level energy parks have been set up for generating awareness. A new scheme for demonstration of renewable energy systems at places of national and international importance has recently been introduced.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been organizing All India Renewable Energy Quiz in Hindi and English languages as well as regional quiz in vernacular languages during the last three years. Recently, M/s ZEE Telefilms Ltd., New Delhi, M/s Irish Publications Ltd., New Delhi and M/s SAB TV Network, have organized the Quiz Programme on behalf of the Ministry.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah said that it is for the State Governments to allow setting up of renewable energy projects. It does not require prior techno-economic clearance or approval of the Central Government. Proposals are received in the Central Government only for grant of central financial assistance under the Ministry's schemes/ programmes. Complete proposals in line with the provisions of schemes/ programmes are considered and approved immediately, subject to the budget provisions.

This information was given by Shri Farooq Abdullah, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.