

 Indo-US Cooperation in Renewable Energy

**DR. STEVEN CHU MEETS DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH**

Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary, US Department of Energy met Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Dr. Farooq Abdullah here today. The meeting discussed various areas of cooperation in the field of renewable energy.

The two sides have agreed to take forward joint research and deployment of distributed generation with focus on storage. It was agreed that given the large potential in India in Solar Energy and the ambitious Solar Development Plan being set out by the Government, the two sides would collaborate both in encouraging investment and R & D efforts.

It was also agreed that the biomass gassifier technology offers enormous potential to meet the energy requirement in rural areas. The two sides agreed to step up their R & D collaboration to develop small size biomass gassifier which can be available for rapid deployment to meet the power needs in rural areas both in India and U.S.A.