

**International Seminar on
Decentralised Energy : Options and Management
(Challenges Before Developing Countries)
Kolkata, February 22-24, 2002**

The Seminar was attended by a large number of delegates from India and abroad. The Seminar emphasized the importance of decentralized energy sources with special stress on renewable energy sources in meeting the needs of remote and difficult terrains besides accent on sustainable energy policy. Besides presentation of Keynote Addresses by notable experts, there were ten technical sessions and poster sessions running in parallel in first two days. At the valedictory session, summing up the deliberations, the following recommendations emerged :

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To include decentralized energy options as a social choice for development of human resources.
2. To take up decentralized generation with rural area development in the areas like drinking water, education and primary health as composite package.
3. State-level Rural Electricity Development Agencies to monitor Zonal Decentralised Distribution Networks to ensure availability of emergency power through interconnection of such networks.
4. To identify the off-grid areas for promotion of Decentralised Energy Generation as Stand-alone measure on long-term basis.
5. National level Renewable Energy Development Agencies to organize joint ventures with Universities and Manufacturers for standardizing and ensuring quality improvement of energy appliances for facilitation of decentralized energy promotion.
6. To involve local participation through NGOs and Co-operative Societies for Generation, Distribution and Maintenance of Equipment by educating and training local people in the rural areas to improve Plant efficiency and employment opportunities.
7. To develop Regional and International co-operation in the fields of technology exchange, manpower development and decentralized energy system management.