

Shri. Mahesh Zagade, Director General, MEDA, (extreme right) receiving IEEMA Power Award 2009- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the category “Excellence in Renewable Energy Development – Biomass” for Maharashtra at New Delhi on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2009



## **Indian Electricals and Electronics Manufacturers Association (IEEMA) Power Award – 2009**

Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA) has been awarded the first prize at national level award of Indian Electricals and Electronics Manufacturers Associations (IEEMA) power award 2009 for its “Excellence in Renewable Energy Development – Biomass”. The award ceremony was held at Darbar Hall of Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi at 5.00 p.m. of this evening. Hon. Shri. Jayaram Ramesh, Minister of State for Commerce & Power has conferred the awards to Shri. Mahesh Zagade, IAS, Director General, MEDA.

MEDA is leading organization for renewable energy sector in the country. At national level, till date MEDA has received many awards. The above award is one of the additional award in this sector. Till date, MEDA has been able to achieve 2258 MW power project through Wind, Biomass, Baggase Co-generation and Mini and Small Hydro.

At State Level, from Agricultural Waste around 700 MW potential is available. Out of which 300 MW has been achieved in rural areas of Maharashtra. As an out come of this activity, currently 52 MW projects are already started producing power and in coming year additional 50 MW projects will be installed. From these projects rural areas of Maharashtra will be benefited for additional electricity generation, to strengthen the rural economy of the State.

MEDA is currently implementing various ambitious renewable energy power projects. MEDA has started implementing wind monitoring programme on large scale which is biggest programme at national level. In all, Maharashtra has been on the forefront to achieve the target of 7000 to 8000 MW capacity power generation to renewable energy in the State which will not only give a clean energy but will also contribute in making the state self-sufficient in power sector.

Under the Remote Village Electrification Programme till date MEDA has provided light through solar energy to 258 villages and during the current year additional 80 villages will be electrified through solar energy.

In line with above, MEDA is also leading in energy conservation sector wherein the energy audit programme is conducted in 59 industries of various sector.

Apart from this, in the urban, agricultural and commercial sectors also MEDA has been implementing energy conservation measures over last 10 years. In short, MEDA's contribution in the renewable energy sector will be a road map for other states to follow.