

**3. BIMSTEC-Japan Cooperation in Energy Sector: Vision and Tasks Ahead**, Abdur Rob Khan *et al*, CSIRD, 2006, Price- Rs. 200.

**Abstract**

*Energy has been one of the core six areas of cooperation among BIMSTEC countries. BIMSTEC with one-fifth of global population consumes about 4 percent of world energy. However, energy resources in this subregion are not evenly distributed. Some countries have considerable reserves in hydrocarbon, whereas some have enormous hydro-electricity potentials. Some are energy-surplus, while others are energy deficient. This creates a situation where there is an ample scope of cooperation for energy sector development, production, consumption, and trading in order to foster the developmental efforts. On the other hand, due to technological backwardness, most of the BIMSTEC countries are running far behind in developing energy infrastructure, technology, and conversion of energy resources into power, which, therefore, generate a natural situation for cooperation with an advanced country like Japan. Now the question is what potentials are there for energy cooperation within BIMSTEC and what role Japan can play in energy exploration, development, trade and efficient utilization. This is in such a broad context this book tries to explore the possible avenue of energy cooperation in BIMSTEC as well as BIMSTEC-Japan level*

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