

Regarding grant of incentives to the energy sector in Odisha-Laid

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR): Odisha's huge renewable energy potential is about 1.5 lakh MW Solar Power which is six times more than the assessment of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. A survey conducted by international forum for Environment, Sustainability and Technology, revealed that Odisha has huge renewable energy potential. By utilizing only 2% of wasteland, Odisha can install over 170 Gigawatts of solar capacity. The forum in its report 'Odisha Renewable Energy Potential Re-assessment: Focus on Solar, Wind and Biomass' stated that if the Odisha Renewable Energy Policy (OREP) 2022, is implemented fully, it will be a win-win situation for the state as it will also help reducing carbon emission from the utility power in the state by 29 to 30% by 2029-30, putting the state on the path of net-zero target. Report has clear indication of enough potential in the state to achieve sustainability in energy sector and to achieve goals of OREP 2022 and also SDG commitments of Government. Therefore, I would urge upon the Hon'ble Minister to take concrete steps in terms of providing incentives to enable energy sector in Odisha particularly coastal areas like Berhampur to further untap its potential and help it emerge as a leading player in Renewable Energy Sector.