

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-AUSTRALIA AGREEMENT IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with Australia for long term supply of energy sources and clean technologies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Power and the Department of Resources, Energy and tourism, Australia, have signed a Joint Action Plan for Power 2008-2011 under the India-Australia Joint working Group on Energy and Minerals on 17-03-2009. The activities/objectives of the Action Plan are:

1. Enhance awareness of opportunities in two way trade and investment.
2. Increase bilateral cooperation and collaboration in the Power Sector.
3. Identify and address impediments to trade and investment.
4. Promote the further development, transfer and deployment of clean energy technologies in the power sector.

No specific agreement has been signed between Ministry of Power and the Australian Government for long term supply of energy sources and clean technologies.