

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF GREEN TECHNOLOGIES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has encouraged the use of green technologies to generate power in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the private players have shown keen interest in the use of these technologies; and
- (c) the details of the budgetary allocation for the year 2009-10 for the promotion of use of these technologies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY(DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government has been encouraging generation of power through various renewable energy programmes, such as wind, biomass, solar and small hydro. A mix of fiscal and financial incentives and other policy/ regulatory measures aimed at attracting private investment are being provided in this regard. These include capital/ interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation and nil/ concessional excise and customs duties. Under the Electricity Act 2003, it has been made obligatory upon State Electricity Regulatory Authorities to fix a minimum percentage for purchase of electricity from renewable sources taking into account local factors. Preferential tariff for grid interactive renewable power is being given in most potential States following the provisions made under the National Electricity Policy 2005 and National Tariff Policy 2006. Normative guidelines by CERC for fixation of such preferential tariffs have been issued recently.

(b): Projects for generation of energy/ power from renewable energy sources have so far been set up mainly in private sector with largely private investment, with some in state sector.

(c): An outlay of Rs.620 crore was allocated to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy during 2009-10 for the promotion of use of various new and renewable energy sources / technologies.