

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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POTENTIAL OF WIND ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken effective and speedy steps to exploit wind energy potential of places such as Ramakkalmedu of Idukki district in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a wind mill assembling unit at Ramakkalmedu of Idukki district; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Government is promoting commercial wind power projects through private sector investment in wind potential states including places such as Ramakkalmedu and other parts of Kerala by providing fiscal incentives, loan from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and other financial institutions. Technical support including detailed wind resource assessment to identify further potential sites, is provided by the Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET), Chennai. This apart, preferential tariff is being provided to increase wind energy investment in the potential States including Kerala. Government has recently announced a generation based incentive (GBI) under which Rs. 0.50 per unit generated from wind power projects will be provided to the projects which do not avail accelerated depreciation benefit.

The State Government has initiated the process of obtaining revenue land for this purpose at place such as Ramakkalmedu of Idukki district in Kerala.

(c): No, Madam

(d): Question does not arise.