

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

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

- (a) whether `Green Power-2009`, a conference on Renewable Energy was recently held in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the outcome of the conference thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the production and use of renewable energy in the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, Green Power 2009, a conference on Renewable Energy was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 18th and 19th June, 2009 at Chennai. The Conference had technical sessions on various renewable energy technologies viz. solar, wind, biomass, biogas, bio-fuel, etc. It also focused on how regulatory agencies and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) can facilitate advancement of renewable energy technologies in India.

(c) : The Government is promoting development of the renewable energy sector through a mix of fiscal and financial incentives that include capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, nil/concessional excise and customs duties. Further benefit under Section 80-1A of Income Tax Act 1961 is available to undertakings set-up for the generation or generation and distribution of Renewable power in India. This apart, preferential tariff for grid interactive renewable power is being given in most potential States.