

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATED FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

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

- (a) the expenditure on renewable energy projects in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the employment generated from renewable energy projects in the country, State/UT-wise alongwith progress during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the status of the grid interactive renewable power programme, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the status of the Central financial assistance/ subsidies provided under various renewable energy programmes/ schemes in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government has spent an amount of Rs.2941.73 crore by way of Central Financial Assistance/Subsidies under various renewable energy programmes during the 11th Plan period up to 29.02.2012. State/UT-wise details thereof are given in Annexure-I.
- (b): Employment generation in renewable energy sector is not monitored. However, the decentralized/distributed nature of renewable energy sources offers large potential for creation of local employment opportunities in particularly the rural and semi-urban areas deprived of conventional power. As per a recent study conducted through the CII, the sector is estimated to have provided direct and indirect employment to about 3.5 lakh persons during 2010.
- (c): Grid-interactive renewable power generation capacity totaling 23,379 MW has been installed in the country as on 29.02.2012, Source-wise and State/UT-wise details thereof are given in Annexure-II.
- (d): Central Financial Assistance /subsidies provided under various renewable energy programmes/schemes in the country during last three years and current year i.e., the 11th Plan period up to 29.02.2012, are furnished in Annexure-I referred in reply to part (a) above.