

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4542
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CLEAN ENERGY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) has signed a loan pact with a German Development Bank for financing 'Clean Energy for Rural Development' projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to use the amount for creating economic opportunities and employment generation in rural areas through improved energy access;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has notified any time bound action plan for projects to be funded under this scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) has signed a Loan Agreement with KfW, Germany on 30th March 2012 for a loan of EURO 100 Million for financing Renewable Energy Projects under the Title 'Clean Energy for Rural Development'.
- (c) & (d) : This loan is for refinancing the renewable energy projects financed by REC predominantly in the rural areas. Availability of this loan has improved the capacity of REC to finance renewable energy projects at better terms.
- (e) & (f) : As per agreement of REC with KfW, this amount is available for refinancing the renewable energy projects upto 31.12.2017.