

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

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WIND ENERGY
Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

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

- (a) the efforts being taken by the Government to increase the generation of wind energy/off-shore wind energy;
- (b) whether there are any policy incentives for individuals to enter the wind energy generation market; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The Government is promoting on-shore wind power development through a conducive policy environment encouraging private sector investment. Regarding off-shore wind power, the Government has constituted a Steering Committee to formulate modalities for taking up off-shore wind power development in a focused manner. A sub-Committee has also been constituted to suggest draft policy guidelines for development of off-shore wind power projects.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): The Government is providing fiscal and promotional incentives such as concessional import duty on certain components of wind electric generators, excise duty exemption to manufacturers. 10 years tax holiday on income generated from wind power projects is also available. Loans for installing windmills are available from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and other Financial Institutions. Technical support including wind resource assessment is provided by the Centre for Wind Energy Technology (C-WET), Chennai. This apart, preferential tariff is being provided in potential states.