

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether renewable energy sources are being utilised by the food processing industries /units to meet their energy needs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government provides incentives to food processing units for utilising renewable energy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the status of the pilot projects that are being planned in the cold chain industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) & (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not maintain the data on use of renewable energy by Food Processing Industries in the country. The present installed capacity of power generation in the country is about 2,12,829 MW which includes 26,920 MW from renewable. This constitutes 12.5% contribution of renewable in the total power installed capacity in the country.
- (c) & (d) The Government is giving various fiscal and financial incentives, to all industries including food processing industries, such as capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, concessional excise and customs duties to encourage the use of new and renewable energy. In addition, various other measures like preferential tariff for purchase of power generated from renewable sources, introduction of Renewable Energy Certificates and Renewable Purchase Obligation have been taken by Government.
- (e) State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have been advised to take up cold storage pilot projects based on biomass/solar energy.