

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BANK CREDIT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the banks provide loans to renewable energy projects in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the growth rate of bank credit provided to renewable energy sector during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof, bank-wise;
- (d) whether the banks were able to achieve the targets fixed in this regard; and
- (e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the targets of providing credit to the renewable energy sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that they maintain data on the power sector as a whole which includes renewable energy projects. Banks' outstanding credit exposure to power sector as at the end of March 2012 was Rs. 3289 billion. Banks' outstanding credit exposure to power sector as on March 2009, 2010 and 2011 were Rs.1244 billion, Rs.1878 billion and Rs. 2692 billion respectively. However, separate data for credit to renewable energy sector is not available with them.
- (c) & (d) Public Sector Banks have informed that no such targets have been fixed by them.
- (e) To promote clean energy, Banks have been advised by the Government to play a pro-active role in financing renewable energy projects and not to reject any proposal for financing otherwise viable renewable energy project on the ground that power sector as a whole is under stress.