

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

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

- (a) whether India-US Energy Dialogue was launched in the Year 2005 to promote trade and investment in the energy sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with activities undertaken by the India-US Energy Dialogue since its formation:
- (c) whether there are moves from the both sides for the formation of a Council to discuss financing option for encouraging power generation from renewable resources; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. India - US Energy Dialogue, co-chaired by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Secretary, Energy of USA was launched on 31st May 2005 to promote increased trade and investment in the energy sector, in partnership with both the public and private sectors.

(b): After the initiation of the India-US Energy Dialogue, a Steering Committee was constituted to supervise the work of the Group. The Energy Dialogue has six Working Groups on

(i) Coal,

(ii) Oil and Gas,

(iii) New Technology and Renewable Energy,

(iv) Power and Energy Efficiency,

(v) Civil Nuclear Energy and

(vi) Sustainable Growth. Under each Working Group, specific areas have been identified for collaboration. In addition, 15 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) relating to various energy sources have been signed in this regard between the two countries to promote joint action and cooperation.

(c)&(d): In September, 2013, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the U.S. Department of Energy to promote energy access through off-grid solutions. The Joint initiative titled 'Promoting Energy Access through Clean Energy' (PEACE) will encourage clean energy access, financial support for innovative off-grid and mini-grid clean energy solutions, technical collaboration to develop improved off-grid solutions, including mini-grid systems, and sharing of best practices for increasing access to new and renewable energy.