

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

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

- (a) whether renewable energy global investors meet and expo was held in New Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is working on building a consortium of 50 countries, blessed with abundant solar production to pool research and technological advancement in solar energy to improve accessibility to the poor and in remote areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has encouraged installation of solar panels for harnessing solar power; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has organized the first Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet & Expo (RE-INVEST) between February 15-17, 2015 in New Delhi. The main objective of the RE-INVEST was to establish a major platform for investment promotion in renewable energy sector at Government of India level and to signal India's commitment to the development and scaling up of the sector to meet its energy requirement in a sustainable manner. This will enable the global investment community to connect with renewable energy stakeholders in India.

(c): The Ministry is considering formation of an alliance of solar resources rich developing countries, namely, International Solar Policy and Applications Agency (IN-SPAA) with an initiative to work together with Group of Nations with high solar insolation/potential for mutual cooperation in areas of solar energy policy, R&D and grass root applications in emerging solar R&D areas.

(d)&(e): Yes, Madam. MNRE is providing 30% capital subsidy on promotion of solar lighting systems, small solar power plants/packs, solar pumps, solar rooftops and establishment of micro-grids. MNRE is also supporting training programmes for upgradation of technical skills by providing training programmes on renewable energy in particular solar energy through specialized institutes.