

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6181

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GENERATION OF TIDAL ENERGY

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

- (a) whether the Government has explored the potential of the tidal energy in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any policy/ programme on tidal energy, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has signed recently a MoU with private companies and other countries including France on Public Private Partnership basis for generating tidal energy in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the other steps taken by the Government in this regards?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam, a study by NHPC (Ministry of Power) has identified possible Tidal power potential areas in Gulf of Cambay, Gulf of Kutch and Sunderbans.

(b): No, Madam, presently Government has no policy/ programme on tidal energy.

(c)&(d): No, Madam recently no MoU has signed with private companies and other countries. Although in past Gujarat Power Corporation Limited (GPCL) had signed MoU with M/s. Atlantis Resources limited (Joint venture of GPCL, Atlantis & PMES) for carrying out further studies and implementing a 50 MW Pilot Tidal based power project at Gulf of Kutch at Mandvi.