

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the potential of various renewable energy sources in Puducherry;
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any initiative to tap the renewable energy potential in the Union Territory; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The details of estimated potential of various renewable energy sources in the Union Territory of Puducherry are given in the Annexure.

(b)&(c): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is providing various financial support and fiscal incentive such as Central Financial Assistance, generation based incentives, accelerated depreciation, concessional excise and customs duties for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the country including the Union Territory of Puducherry. Besides providing financial and fiscal incentives, a few other measures to promote renewable energy include: setting up of demonstration projects, preferential tariff for purchase of power generated from renewable sources, intensive resource assessment, development of power evacuation and testing facilities, introduction of Renewable Energy Certification and Renewable Purchase Obligation, etc.

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under this Ministry, also provides soft term loan for promotion of renewable energy projects.