

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

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SUBSIDY REGIME IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce better subsidy regime in the renewable energy sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering a new cost-effective renewable energy investment policy to reduce the unit cost of the renewable energy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has made some changes in the policy with regard to subsidy/incentives under various renewable energy programmes during the 12th Five Year Plan. The details of subsidy/incentives presently being provided under various programmes is given in Annexure.

(c)&(d): The Government is already taking steps to obtain investment in renewable energy sector which include:

- i) Investment by the Public and Private sector companies/ institutions with the government in Research, Development and Technology Demonstration.
- ii) Fiscal and Financial incentives, such as capital/ interest subsidies, accelerated depreciation, generation based incentive, nil/concessional excise and customs duties.
- iii) Preferential tariff for grid interactive renewable power following the provisions made under the National Electricity Policy 2005 and National Tariff Policy 2006; Uniform guidelines by CERC for fixation of such preferential tariffs being issued every year;
- iv) Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission launched to facilitate large scale capital investment in solar energy sector; Viability Gap Funding for grid connected Solar Power Projects under the Mission.
- v) Intensive Resource Assessment.
- vi) Creation of trained and qualified manpower in different aspects of renewable energy.
- vii) Interaction with Central Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings for promotion of renewable energy in their offices/complex as well as programmes implemented by them. Further, in order to attract investment, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is organizing the first Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet & Expo (RE-INVEST) during 15- 17 February 2015 in New Delhi. The central theme of RE-INVEST is to attract large scale investments for the renewable energy in India in short, medium and long term and also connect the global investment community with renewable energy stakeholders in India. Investors from all over the world have been requested to participate in RE-INVEST 2015.