

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**AGREEMENTS ON CLEAN ENERGY .**

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

- (a) whether \$ 175 m. worth deals on clean energy has been signed, so far to fuel growth in the energy sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how it would be useful to the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

(Dr. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a),(b)&(c): The Government has signed agreement for Indo-US Joint Clean Energy Research and Development Center (JCERDC) to be established under a joint initiative between the Government of India and the US Department of Energy. The center is envisaged to undertake collaborative R & D to advance clean energy technologies. The center will involve the active participation of academic and private sectors of both the countries working in a consortia mode. The initial priority areas to be covered under the Indo-US JCERDC are:

Solar Energy Second Generation Biofuels Energy Efficiency of Buildings. The Governments of both the nations intend to put in \$25 million in the next five years into the Center while the private sector is also expected to chip in. The Centre will be very useful for development of advanced state-of-art technologies in above areas which are considered important for the country's future energy security.