GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1897

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FDI IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

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

- (a) whether Government has drawn any special plan to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the renewable energy sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total FDI which has come into the renewable energy in the last three years?

 ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER (SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a)&(b) Under the extant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy of the Government of India, FDI in renewable energy sector is permitted up to 100% under the automatic route.

The Government has taken several steps to attract investments, including FDI, in the renewable energy sector, some of which are given below:

- Setting up of Project Development Cell for attracting and facilitating investments.
- Declaration of trajectory for Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) up to the year 2029-30,
- Setting up of Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Parks to provide land and transmission to RE developers for installation of RE projects at large scale,
- Laying of new transmission lines and creating new sub-station capacity under the Green Energy Corridor Scheme for evacuation of renewable power,
- Launch of schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), Solar Rooftop Phase-II, 1200 MW CPSU Scheme Phase II, etc.,
- Launch of National Green Hydrogen Mission with an aim to make India a global hub for production, utilization and export of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives,
- Notification of Promoting Renewable Energy through Green Energy Open Access Rules 2022,
- Launch of Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) to facilitate sale of Renewable Energy Power through exchanges,
- Release of Standard Bidding Guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding process for procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV and Wind Projects,
- Waiver of Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) charges for inter-state sale of solar and wind power for projects to be commissioned by 30th June, 2025,
- Notification of standards for deployment of solar photovoltaic system/devices,
- Issue of orders that power shall be dispatched against Letter of Credit (LC) or advance payment to ensure timely payment by distribution licensees to RE generators.
- (c) As per information available with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the country has received a total FDI Equity investment amounting to USD 6137.39 Million in the renewable energy sector, during the last three financial years and the current financial year(till 30.09.2023).
