GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 77 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

NON-FOSSIL ENERGY CAPACITY

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to achieve the goal of 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to put an appropriate mechanism in place to ease the burden on economy with benefits of the low cost of renewable energy and if so, the details thereof; and (c) the measures being contemplated to achieve the goal of 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 77 for ANSWER ON 2/12/2021

- (a) In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's announcement at COP26, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is working towards achieving 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.
- (b)&(c) The Government has taken several steps to promote renewable energy in the country. These include:-
 - Permitting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100 percent under the automatic route,
 - 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,
 - Laying of new transmission lines and creating new sub-station capacity for evacuation of renewable power,
 - Declaration of trajectory for Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) up to the year 2022,
 - Setting up of RE parks to provide land and transmission to RE developers on a plug and play basis,
 - Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), Solar Rooftop Phase II, 12000 MW CPSU Scheme Phase II, etc,
 - Notification of standards for deployment of solar photovoltaic system/devices,
 - Setting up of Project Development Cell for attracting and facilitating investments,
 - Standard Bidding Guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding for procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV and Wind Projects.
 - Government has issued orders that power shall be dispatched against Letter of Credit (LC) or advance payment to ensure timely payment by distribution licensees to RE generators.

All these steps have helped in reducing the RE tariffs in the country over the years.