

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH IRENA

912. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the areas of cooperation envisaged in the Strategic Partnership Agreement that would support the country in achieving its ambitious target of installed non-fossil fuel electricity capacity; and
- (d) the salient features of the Strategic Partnership Agreement that would enhance country's energy transition efforts and also help in combating climate change?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY
AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Strategic Partnership Agreement between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was signed on 14.01.2022 to drive ambition, leadership and knowledge on green energy transitions based on renewable energy in India.

The salient features of the Agreement include, but are not limited to, enhanced cooperation in the following areas:

- I. Facilitating knowledge sharing from India on scaling-up renewable energy and clean energy technologies
- II. Supporting India's efforts on long term energy planning
- III. Collaborating to strengthen the innovation climate in India
- IV. Moving towards cost-effective decarbonization through catalyzing development and deployment of green hydrogen.

The above areas of cooperation will be achieved through the following activities, among others;

- I. Development of knowledge products;
- II. Capacity building and enhancement through exchange of personnel, study visits, etc;
- III. Experience sharing through participation of sector experts and practitioners from India in IRENA events and activities;
- IV. Participation in existing, and creation of new initiatives and programmes;
- V. Joint events, outreach and communication campaigns;
- VI. Expert input into respective areas of work; and
- VII. Data and information exchange.
