

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1792**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2015

**INDO-US CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE**

1792. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHURAO RAUT:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:  
SHRI ARJUN MEGHWAL:  
SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI KALIKESH N.SINGH DEO:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

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

- (a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation to Establish the PACE Setter Fund to support and promote clean energy has been signed by the Government in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of other MoUs signed between India and US to promote clean energy so far along with the status of various such MoUs;
- (c) whether any corpus has been drawn under the said MoU between the two countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether both the Governments have agreed to appoint a Steering Committee for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the ways and means through which this initiative will benefit India for getting clean energy?

ANSWER

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

**(a):** Yes, Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with USA Government on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 to establish PACE Setter Funds to support the Promoting Energy Access through Clean Energy (PEACE) track of US-India Partnership.

**(b):** Details of other MoU signed between India and US to promote clean energy with their status are given at **Annexure**.

**(c):** The Joint Indo-US PACESetter Fund has been established with a contribution of US\$ 4 million (INR 25 crores) from each side for providing grants for seed capital for innovative clean energy projects.

**(d):** A joint PACESetter Fund Steering Committee have been set up under the Co-chairmanship of the Ambassador from US side and Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy from Indian side with three members of each side.

**(e):** The funds would help to accelerate the commercialization of off-grid clean energy through early-stage grant funding of grants to develop and test innovative products, systems, and business models and to improve the viability of renewable energy businesses that sell small scale (under 1 megawatt) clean energy systems to communities with limited or no access to the electricity grid.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1792 for 30<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2015 REGARDING “INDO-US CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE”**

**Details of other Memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between India and US to promote Clean Energy with their status.**

S.No.	Items	Details
1	A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the collaboration on Wind Energy Research and Development has been signed between the Centre for Wind Energy Technology, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, United States Department of Energy on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2009.	On-going
2.	A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the collaboration on Solar Energy Research and Development between the Solar Energy Centre, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Government of the Republic of India and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, United States Department of Energy was signed on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2009.	On-going
3.	A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in New and Renewable energy to Facilitate Clean Energy Access to expand the “Partnership to Advance Clean Energy by launching a new tract known as “Promoting Energy Access through Clean Energy” (“PEACE”) has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America on 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at Washington and 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2014 at New Delhi, India	On-going. Through this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the PACESetter Fund has been created.