

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSENT BETWEEN INDIA AND USA FOR ENERGY COOPERATION

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and US have recently consented for co- operation in energy sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount likely to be invested in the energy sector?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The India-US Energy Dialogue, launched on May 31, 2005, is aimed at increased India-US trade and investment in the Indian energy sector by working with the public and private sectors to further identify areas of cooperation and collaboration and build on the broad range of existing cooperation between India and the United States to mobilize secure, clean, reliable and affordable sources of energy, focusing on

- (i) oil and natural gas
- (ii) coal
- (iii) power and energy efficiency
- (iv) new technologies and renewable Energy and
- (v) civil nuclear energy.

(c) : While both Governments have not agreed on any specific amount to be invested in the energy sector, contributions by both sides in specific projects will be in accordance with the relevant bilateral agreements that may be signed.

India has also signed a Framework Protocol with USA on cooperation on the FutureGen Project which is a US\$ 950 million public-private partnership project initiated by USA for developing world's first coal-based, zero emission electricity and hydrogen production power plant. India has agreed to pay US\$ 10 million to USA over next five years for joining the Government Steering Committee of the project.