

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4307  
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HARNESSING RENEWABLE ENERGY  
Senthilnathan Shri PR.

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in harnessing renewable energy with an installed capacity of 7252 MW in wind power alone and due to lack of adequate power evacuation infrastructure, renewable energy costs four to five times per unit cost of transmission as compared to the energy from conventional sources;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Centre to provide a grant of Rs. 2250 crore towards transmission schemes for evacuation of a portion of a solar energy; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to support Green Energy Transmission infrastructure for renewable power in the State?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b) & (c): Under 'Green Energy Corridor' project a proposal of total estimated cost of Rs. 1593 crore has been submitted by Tamil Nadu for creation of intra State transmission infrastructure for renewable power projects in the State. Out of the total project cost of Rs. 1593 crore, 40 per cent (Rs. 637.20 crore) to be provided by KfW, Germany as reduced interest loan, 40 per cent (Rs. 637.20 crore) grant from National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) and balance 20 per cent (Rs. 318.60 crore) as State contribution.

Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 10 December 2014 has approved the NCEF support of Rs. 637.20 crore to the State.