

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have received notice from Shri Binoy Viswam. I have not allowed it. Now, Zero Hour, Shri K.J. Alphons.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Existing hurdles in the promotion of renewable energy in the country

SHRI K.J. ALPHONS (Rajasthan): Sir, India has been at the forefront of promoting renewable energy. India was the co-founder of the International Solar Alliance for which the Prime Minister took the initiative. Our target for 2022 is about 175 GW of renewable energy, out of which 100 GW is solar energy. Out of the 100 GW, we have already installed 34 GW, 21.3 gw is under installation and tender has been floated for 31.27 GW of solar energy. Sir, there is a problem here. Many of the States which have signed the Power Purchase Agreement, are not honouring the agreements at all. Let me take the four Southern States. I am not naming them. Four Southern States together today owe more than ₹ 10,000 crores to the solar energy producers/

Sir, what is happening is, because of this, many of these companies are going broke. Sir, we need about ₹ 1,20,000 crores for implementation of the rest of the solar energy projects. Banks are unwilling to lend to these companies. There is a huge capacity drop. About 70 per cent of the capacity which is created by some of these companies are lying idle because States refuse on a day-to-day basis to purchase the power.

I think, Sir, we need some Central legislation, some kind of pressure from the Government of India. I don't know exactly what legislation can do but, Sir, some direction needs to be issued by the Government of India or this House needs to take some very strong action so that we move away from dirty energy, which is coal energy, and then we can really depend a lot more on renewable energy. Thank you, Sir.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we associate ourselves with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please send the slips. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY (Nominated): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI CM. RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. SONAL MANSINGH (Nominated): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA (Odisha): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

श्री शिव प्रताप शुक्ल (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री रामकुमार वर्मा (राजस्थान): महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री विजय गोयल (राजस्थान): सर, दिल्ली में किसानों की फसलों ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: श्री मोतीलाल बोरा। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री विजय गोयल: पूरे देश में किसानों ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: प्लीज, उस पर आ रहे हैं।

Decreasing forest cover in the country

श्री मोतीलाल बोरा (छत्तीसगढ़): सभापति महोदय, मेरा विषय है -देश के अनेक राज्यों में वन क्षेत्र में कमी आना। देश में पिछले दो वर्षों में कुल वन क्षेत्र में एक फीसद यानी 6,778 वर्ग किलोमीटर की वृद्धि हुई है, किन्तु विकास की गतिविधियों के नाम पर इस दौरान पुराना वन क्षेत्र 1,513 वर्ग किलोमीटर कम हुआ है। इसमें सबसे ज्यादा हिस्सा पूर्वोत्तर का प्रभावित हुआ है।