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PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR-WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS IN TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT, TAMILNADU AND INDIA IN GENERAL

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Introduction

India is progressing forward in solar and wind power generation, with a target of 160 GW by the year 2022. This paper gives insights and invites prospective solar and wind power developers/utilities to have their power generation systems in Tiruvannamalai district, Tamilnadu, India [1-6].

Recommendations for Further Development of Solar-Wind Energy Systems

The suggestions recommended for solar-wind renewable energy projects are: i) exemption from electricity tax, grid connectivity, open access, wheeling, and banking and cross-subsidy charges, ii)strengthening of policy commitments and incorporating latest technology insights and planning techniques, iii) integrated framework for standards and quality assurance/infrastructure, iv) solar and wind resource planning and grid operating protocols, v) National renewable energy financing mechanisms, private/public funding schemes and low cost financing and implementation of generation based incentive for PV systems, vi) Attraction of foreign direct investments, vii) no collalateral security for development of solar energy parks, viii) single window clearance for solar projects, ix) must run status for PV systems, x) support to PV manufacturing, supply chain and cross cutting power electronic technologies, xi) proactive planning through National Smart Grid Mission, xii) quicker implementation of PV systems with advanced metering system, xiii) up gradation of power evacuation/ transmission infra structure for green energy transmission corridor, xiv) availability of solar radiation data through GIS based stations, xv) organizing more consumer awareness campaigns and demonstration activities, xvi) creation of new training institutes and build institutional, technical and human capacity, xvii) support to R&D programmes with industry association, xviii) integration of solar technology with energy storage mechanisms, xix) identify Special Power Zone (SPZ), i.e new locations

for PV installations near to consumers (encourage the concept of microgrid) having grid support in terms of power evacuation and reliability, xx) support the foreign institutional investors to have their PV installations in terms of BOOT model (Built, Own, Operate and Trade), xxi) removal of Anti-dumping duty on PV cells and modules. xxii) promote the co-utilization of land for solar energy projects, crop cultivation and rain water harvesting, xxiii) property tax abatement to domestic building owners that install consumer scale solar energy systems, xxiv) active introduction of the results of the latest scientific research and promising technical solutions in the field of renewable energy [7, 8].

Conclusion

Renewable energy system based on Solar and Wind is a good choice for India to ensure power security and to facilitate greenhouse gas mitigation. India has to build a flexible and efficient electricity sector that can meet the country's burgeoning energy needs in a clean and green manner. It should also fulfill its international commitments for mitigating climate change.

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