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### 'NET ZERO IS NOT ENOUGH'

### Need of Hour is Deeds: Bhupender



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the hour was 'deeds' and not 'plain words' to deal with climate change and that reaching 'net zero' was not enough, emphasising that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report published recently is a clarion call for the developed countries to undertake immediate deep emission cuts and decarbonise their economies. — OPB



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### Significant R&D investment, particularly from Europe, required as part of climate action: Yadav

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SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT investment, particularly from developed economies of Europe is required to decarbonise energy as a part of climate action in developing countries, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a session on 'Future of Sustainable Technologies in India-Europe Partnerships' organised by FICCI LEADS 2021 event on the theme'Future of Partnerships', Yadav said that in any climate action, clean energy derived especially from renewable energy plays a vital role.

"We need to bring together the power of innovation across the world, with significant R&D investment, in particular, from developed economies of Europe. This would enable us to solve the challenge of decarbonising energy, as well as cement and steel, in a manner that is low on cost and allows for rapid deployment in developing economies," he said.

The minister said India has much to offer and share in terms of its experience with other countries embarking on a similar journey to address energy access issues, while also addressing the growing energy demand with renewable energy.



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'Net zero' goal alone not enough; need of the hour is 'deeds' and not 'plain words': Yaday

A day after holding parleys with visiting US special presidential envoy for climate John Kerry, environment minister Bhupender Yadav on Tuesday said that reaching the 'net zero' emission goal alone was not enough, emphasising that the recent UN's IPCC report was a clarion call for the developed countries to undertake immediate deep emission cuts, reports Vishwa Mohan. While speaking at the LEADS (Leadership, Excellence, Adaptability, Diversity and Sustainability) event organised by Ficci, Yadav said the need of the hour was "deeds" and not "plain words" to deal with climate change. Though Kerry on Monday did not specifically ask India to commit 'netzero' emission goal by 2050, he is learnt to have argued why it was important for every country to upgrade their respective climate action targets in view of the IPCC's warnings.

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# No firm commitment from India on 'net zero': Kerry

Emissions goal not the only priority, govt. tells climate envoy

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The world is watching commitments on climate change made by all the "big emitters", said U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry on Tuesday.

Mr. Kerry was making a pitch for India to announce a pledge to reduce emissions to "net zero" (carbon-neutral) by 2050 – to ensure that global warming is held at 1.5 degrees Celsius – at the upcoming COP26 summit in the U.K. in November.

However, the government said it does not consider the "net zero" goal its only priority at present. Mr. Kerry admitted that he had not received a firm pledge from New Delhi on the issue yet.

Speaking at the end of his



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visit to New Delhi, where he launched the U.S.-India Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue with Minister of Environment and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav, Mr. Kerry said he had "personally urged the government" to increase India's commitments to ensure that the global warming levels are held at 1.5 degrees, instead of the 2 degrees an-

nounced at the Paris summit

Mr. Kerry said it is important to announce the target of 450 GW of renewable energy as part of India's "Nationally Determined Contributions" to counter global warming now, as the next decade is critical for the battle against climate change.

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### 'No firm commitment from India on net zero'

"The next 10 years will decide whether 1.5 degrees is achievable. And they will also decide whether net zero [emissions] is feasible by 2050. Because, if you don't do enough in the first decade, you can't get a steep enough production curve to do it afterwards, barring some miracle discovery that we don't have as yet today," Mr. Kerry told a group of journalists. When asked if he had any firm commitments from India on raising climate ambitions, Mr. Kerry said "no one said no, but no one said yes", adding that the final decision was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's prerogative, and "internal deliberations" need to take place to make that decision.

At a separate function during the day, Mr. Bhupender Yadav said India is focused on the "key issues" of climate justice and sustainable lifestyles, stressing the inequality between the demands of developed societies from developing countries on emissions cuts.

"[I] Underlined that 'net zero' alone is not enough. We need deeds, not just plain words," Mr. Yadav said, speaking at an event organised by business chamber FICCI. He also referred to a recent report of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), that said that even if the world achieves a global warming level held at 1.5 degrees by 2050, it would still be "too little too late" to clean up the greenhouse gases already in the atmosphere, as a "clarion call" for developed countries, a Ministry press release said.

> (With inputs from Jacob Koshy)

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नई दिल्ली, प्रेट्रः केंद्रीय पर्यावरण मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव ने मंगलवार को कहा कि विकासशील देशों में जलवाय कार्रवाई के हिस्से के रूप में ऊर्जा से कार्बन की मात्रा कम करने के लिए युरोप की विकसित अर्थव्यवस्थाओं से अनुसंधान और विकास निवेश की जरूरत है।

यादव 'भारत-यूरोप साझेदारी में सतत प्रौद्योगिकियों का भविष्य' विषय पर एक सत्र को संबोधित कर रहे थे। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन फिक्की लीड्स 2021 द्वारा किया गया था। इस मौके पर यादव ने कहा कि किसी भी जलवायु कार्रवाई में, विशेष रूप से नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा से प्राप्त स्वच्छ ऊर्जा की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका होती है। हमें दुनिया भर में नवाचार की शक्ति को साथ लाने की जरूरत है खासकर यूरोप की विकसित अर्थव्यवस्थाओं से महत्वपूर्ण अनुसंधान एवं विकास निवेश के साथ। यह हमें ऊर्जा को कार्बनमुक्त बनाने के साथ ही सीमेंट और इस्पात की चुनौती को इस प्रकार हल करने में सक्षम बनाएगा जहां लागत कम हो और विकासशील अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में तेजी से तैनाती की अनुमति देता हो।



भूपेंद्र यादव ।

कम कार्बन वाली टिकाऊ अर्थत्यवस्था बनाने में निजी क्षेत्र की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका

यादव ने कहा, नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा के साथ बढ़ती ऊर्जा मांग पर गौर करने के साथ ही ऊर्जा पहुंच के मुद्दों के हल के लिए इसी तरह की यात्रा से गुजरने वाले अन्य देशों के साथ अपने अनुभव के संदर्भ में पेशकश और साझा करने के लिए भारत के पास बहत कुछ है।

उन्होंने कहा, कम कार्बन वाली टिकाऊ अर्थव्यवस्था बनाने में निजी क्षेत्र की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका है। उन्हें निम्न कार्बन वाले तरीकों की ओर बढ़ने के लिए स्वैच्छिक रोडमैप विकसित करने की खातिर प्रोत्साहित किया जाना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि मैं भारतीय कंपनियों से विशेष रूप से इस्पात, सीमेंट, शिपिंग आदि क्षेत्रों में भारत और स्वीडन द्वारा की गई वैश्विक पहल लीडरशिप ग्रुप फार इंडस्ट्री ट्रांजिशन में शामिल होने का आग्रह करता

पुरी ने अमेरिकी जलवायु दुत केरी से मुलाकात की

केंद्रीय मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने मंगलवार को अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति जो बाइडन के विशेष जलवायु दूत जान केरी से मुलाकात की। हालांकि दोनों के बीच हुई चर्चा का विवरण तुरंत ज्ञात नहीं हो सका। यह मुलाकात ग्लासगो में होने वाले संयुक्त राष्ट्र जलवायु परिवर्तन सम्मेलन के मददेनजर हो रही है। केरी ने सोमवार को बिजली मंत्री आरके सिंह और पर्यावरण मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव से भी मुलाकात की थी। कार्बन उत्सर्जन में कमी के लिए साहसिक लक्ष्यों के लिए प्रतिबद्ध होने के बाद, भारत नए युग के उत्सर्जन मुक्त ईंधन जैसे कि ग्रीन हाइड्रोजन पर जोर दे रहा है ।

हं। मंत्री ने कहा कि कारपोरेट के कदम अपने जलवायु लक्ष्यों के लिए भारत की उपलब्धियों की रीढ़ रहेंगे। मैं भविष्य में और अधिक कंपनियों की सक्रिय भागीदारी देखने के लिए उत्सुक हूं।