

Transmission System for Integration of over 500 GW RE Capacity by 2030

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In news– The Union Minister for Power and New Renewable Energy launched plan “Transmission System for Integration of over 500 GW RE Capacity by 2030”.

Key highlights of the plan-

- Ministry of Power had constituted a high-level committee under Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority for planning the transmission system required for having 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based installed capacity by 2030.
- The Committee prepared a detailed Plan titled “Transmission System for Integration of over 500 GW RE Capacity by 2030” in consultation with States and other stakeholders.
- The **Plan is a major step towards achievement of the goal of integrating 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based capacity by 2030** by providing broad plan of required transmission system for having 537 GW of Renewable Energy capacity by the year 2030.
- The transmission plan also **includes transmission system required for evacuation of 10 GW off-shore wind located in Gujarat and Tamilnadu.**
- With the planned transmission system, the inter-regional capacity will increase to about 1.50 lakh MW by 2030 from 1.12 lakh MW at present.
- Considering the availability of Renewable Energy based generation for a limited period during day, the Plan also **envisages installation of Battery Energy Storage Capacity of the order of 51.5 GW by 2030** to provide Round the Clock power to end-consumers.

- **The Plan has identified major upcoming non-fossil fuel based generation centres in the country, which include** Fatehgarh, Bhadla, Bikaner in Rajasthan, Khavda in Gujarat, Anantapur, Kurnool RE Zones in Andhra Pradesh, offshore wind potentials in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, RE park in Ladakh etc.
- The planned transmission system projected will provide a visibility to the Renewable Energy Developers about the potential generation sites and scale of investment opportunity.
- **Further, it will also provide the Transmission Service Providers the vision of growth opportunity** available in the transmission sector along with investment opportunity of about 2.44 lakh crore.
- India has huge ambitions in energy transition and plans to have 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based electricity installed capacity by 2030, so that cleaner fuel comprises of 50% of the installed capacity mix by 2030.
- **The installed electricity generating capacity in the country at present is 409 GW comprising of 173 GW from non-fossil fuel sources, which is about 42% of the total installed electricity generating capacity.**