

Promote renewable energy, says Tanti

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Pune: Chairman of wind turbine maker, Suzlon, Tulsi Tanti, has expressed disappointment with the State government's lack of interest in promoting renewable energy in the State.

Tanti and Suzlon Group Chief Executive Officer JP Chalasani interacted with the media on Tuesday where they highlighted the need for the State government to pay focused attention in promoting renewable energy.

He said, "Presently, apart from Maharashtra, which is electricity deficient and does not have any surplus elec-

tricity, other states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan are showing keen interest in increasing production of renewable energy."

"Currently, newer technologies are coming up in the renewable energy sector. Earlier, for producing wind power, the winds were strong but the technology was not very efficient. At present, the winds are becoming weak but the technology is becoming better and hence the efficiency is more," said Tanti.

"With growing production and increased efficiency, within the next five years, it is likely that the tariff per unit of electricity produced

RISING PROFIT

Chairman of Suzlon Tulsi Tanti spoke about Suzlon returning to profitability with their current market share of 26 per cent. He added that this year, they are expecting their market share to increase to 40 per cent.

by wind turbines can come down by 4 to 5 per cent," he further added. Tanti stated that presently the investment in the renewable energy sector is also good and it

is expected to grow by 1.8 to 2 times in the coming five years. Tanti also stressed that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) requiring heavy power supply can cater to their power requirements by opting for captive power plants, which the government must encourage.

"The policies for promoting renewable energy are already in place but there are certain conditions, which are very complex and need to be addressed," he added.

Chalasani also spoke about a wind-solar hybrid solution, which Suzlon is working on that would use the same grid and generate solar and wind power.