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## Government Mission Is To Achieve One Nation, One Grid, One Price

**Piyush Goyal**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy, Mr. Piyush Goyal addressing at the Mail Today 2nd Energy Conclave, in New Delhi on April 05, 2016.

“Power Has To Be Affordable As Well As Of Quality”

Mr. Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy has said that the Government’s mission is to achieve one nation, one grid, and one price. While speaking at an Energy Conclave on April 5, Mr. Goyal said, “This is momentous! It is a delight to tell you all that as of this moment all of India has power at the same rate that is Rs 4.40”.

Mr. Goyal stated that he was trying to achieve the target of uniform power rates across the country. People everywhere should be able to find out if power is available through the mobile application “Vidyut Pravah”. This mobile application also gives the rates at which power is available on the grid, Mr. Goyal added.

Mr. Piyush Goyal stressed that bringing power to all was not just a target but a mission and commitment as well for the Government. He further said that Centre believes that it should achieve energy sufficiency for the next generation and is also confident of transformational changes in the coming three years.

Talking about the rural electrification programme, the Minister said that his ministry is constantly monitoring number of villages getting powered every day. “Power has to be affordable as well as of quality. We are conscious of the environment, also of the fact that India must not become non-competitive in the world economy.

We are conscious of the fact that village children who are talented should not forego opportunities due to absence of electricity,” Mr. Goyal said.

The Minister asserted that the UDAY scheme launched by the government will be the fulcrum of the power sector reforms and renewal. “By 2019, the power sector will save nearly Rs. 1.8 lakh crore annually, he added.

Talking about the hydro power, Mr. Goyal said, “The year 2016-17 is dedicated to hydro power. It got a push some 30-40 years ago, but in recent past it has been ignored due to huge challenges like local resistance and issues of land acquisition,”.

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