

Power min for strict penalties in new law

New Delhi, Dec 3: The power ministry is working on incorporating stricter penalties in the proposed Electricity (Amendment) Act and hopes to introduce it in the ongoing winter session of Parliament.

"We are looking at amendments to the Electricity Act of 2003, which we hope to present to Parliament during this session ... we are strengthening the penalty provisions, making it more stringent, more enforceable, increasing the penalty many-fold," said power minister Piyush Goyal.

He said that the current

renewable purchase obligation (RPO) is also being relooked. "Earlier, we had certain set of targets till 2022, which we are bringing forward to 2019, we hope that 15% of the renewable power purchase obligation can be enforced to 2015," he said.

RPO (renewable purchase obligation) means the requirements specified by the electricity regulatory commission for the obligated entity to purchase power from renewable energy sources. He said the government will also introduce an element as RGO or renewable generation obligation. *PTI*