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White paper on wind energy on the anvil

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HYDERABAD: A white paper on the wind energy sector in the country taking stock of the challenges and opportunities besides serving as a document to mobilise government support is being readied by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

Commissioned by the Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA), the white paper, dwelling on various aspects of the sector, is likely to be released early next year. In the run-up to the preparation, the Association and the TERI on Wednesday organised a round table consultation. Providing the backdrop to the discussion was the government's target to achieve 60 GW of wind energy by 2022. Briefing press persons after the round table, IWTMA Secretary-

General D.V. Giri said achieving the target would mean adding about 5-6 GW every year till 2022. The installed capacity of wind power in the country stood at 28,279 MW; (1,000 MW makes 1 GW).

The second round table is scheduled to be held in Ahmedabad. Chairman of Indian Wind Energy Association V. Subramanian underscored the need for the White Paper to be submitted well ahead of the Union Budget for 2017-18.

Among the issues discussed at the consultation in the city included those to improve the power evacuation infrastructure and grid integration; material quality and its performance reliability; transportation and logistics, particularly the prospects of movement by sea; project clearances and impact of new tariff policy.