

## CLIMATE CHANGE

# Give India IPR-free technology: Javadekar

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Environment minister Prakash Javadekar on Sunday urged rich nations to provide India technology “free of IPRs (Intellectual Property Rights)” to help it tackle climate change, saying it can be a “win-win situation for all”.

“If the developed world is ready to provide technology free of IPRs, it can be a win-win situation for all. We’ll walk our own path on INDCs (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions) but if technology free of IPRs is provided, we will walk the extra mile,” said Javadekar while speaking at a session on sustainable development at the “India-US dialogue”, jointly organized by the Observer Research Foundation and Network 18.

This was the first time that the environment minister had officially spoken of India’s willingness to walk the “extra mile” in exchange for technology free of IPR burdens. He also announced that India would declare its INDCs in two parts—one set of actions that it would carry out with its domestic resources and another with funds and technology made available under a possible international agreement.

INDCs are plans that every country is expected to undertake to tackle climate change, keeping

in mind their domestic circumstances and goals. These submissions will then form the basis of talks aimed at striking a global climate change agreement in Paris in December.

Javadekar sought to buttress his call for free technology by citing the example of the fight against HIV/AIDS—if the world could collaborate and undertake joint research on HIV, he said, why couldn’t something similar be attempted for tackling climate change?

He said India’s priorities for sustainable development lie in providing clean air, clean water and clean energy while committing itself to strong and transparent action on emission reduction and renewable energy. He also ruled out an India-US climate deal along the lines of the US-China climate change deal, saying India’s commitments are more ambitious.

On a query on dealing with domestic politics for striking a global climate deal, he said he had already written to all state chief ministers for their views and suggestions in the run-up to the Paris negotiations in order to evolve a consensus view.

Earlier, during a panel discussion, Sumant Sinha, chairman and CEO of ReNew Power Ventures, said a “global climate deal can only work for India if it manages to solidify its renewables sector and set a peaking year.”