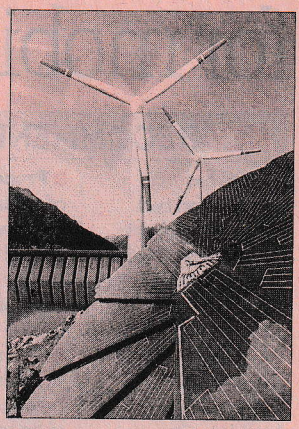
Renewables industry seeks curbs on China imports

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INDIA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY industry has urged the Centre to introduce ALMM-like regulations for battery energy storage systems (BESS) and other green energy components to reduce dependence on imports, particularly from China, New and Renewable Energy Secretary Santosh Kumar Sarangi said on Thursday.

The demand comes amid concerns over China's proposed restrictions on exports of equipment used to manufacture solar cells and wafers.

Addressing reporters at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026, Sarangi mentioned that industry leaders had raised concerns over dependence on specific countries for critical renewable energy components.

"If we are beholden to particular geographies for certain items, then there is a need for thinking about manufacturing in those segments," he said.

Sarangi said several industry executives had appreciated the government's Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) framework for solar modules and wind turbines and sought similar measures for batteries and other components.

"So this was a recurring demand from the CEOs and on this MNRE has remained engaged with the industry," he said, adding that the ministry would work towards promoting domestic manufacturing.

India currently has over 200 GW of solar module manufacturing capacity and 50 GW of cell capacity. While ALMM requirements for modules and wind turbines are operational, implementation for solar cells has been deferred until December 31, 2026, amid supply concerns. The government also plans to bring wafers and ingots under the framework from June 2028.

The push comes a day after the Union Cabinet approved ₹14,500 crore in viability gap funding for grid-scale energy storage projects during FY27-FY31.