

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3796
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

INSTALLING OFFSHORE WINDMILLS

3796. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government handpicked the V.O. Chidambaranar Port as a nodal agency for installing offshore windmills along the southern Tamil Nadu coast, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the said port has planned to generate at least 2,000 MW of power from these windmills within a year, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the blades required for the same will be assembled at the VOC Port itself and the port has earmarked Rs. 700 crore for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the port has also identified the sites in the sea for installation of windmills and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, as per the "Feasibility Study for Offshore Wind Farm Development in Tamil Nadu" under the project Facilitating Offshore Wind Energy in India (FOWIND), various Offshore Wind Zones (OWZs) have been mapped in Tamil Nadu having different potentials for Offshore Wind Power and these are near Tuticorin Port.

(c) The VOC Port will facilitate the necessary infrastructure for the installation of offshore windmills as and when required.

(d) No, Sir.
