

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a Solar Energy Commission to tap solar energy potential in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b): Government has announced Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission to tap vast solar energy potential in the country. The Mission aims at setting up of 20,000 MW grid connected solar power plants by 2022. In addition, 2,000 MW of off-grid solar applications and 20 million square metre of solar thermal collector area are also targeted by 2022. At present, Government has not decided any specific institutional structure to implement the Mission.