

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESEARCH IN SOLAR ENERGY SECTOR

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

- (a) the percentage of solar power generation out of the total power generation in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Government has allocated funds for the research and development activities in the solar energy sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): Solar power at megawatt scale is a new application in the country. Over 10 MW capacity grid connected solar power projects have been set up so far against a total power generation capacity of 1.57 giga-watt in the country.

The Government has made an allocation of Rs. 160 crore for the research and development activities in the solar energy sector during Eleventh Five Year Plan.