

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:440

ANSWERED ON:09.12.2010

SETTING UP OF SOLAR POWER PLANTS BY OMCS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited are exploring the commercial viability of setting up solar power plants in the country;
- (b): if so , the details thereof, alongwith the sites identified by these companies therefore, State-wise;
- (c): the names of the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) which have already set up solar power plants in the country;
- (d): the quantum of electricity being generated by these plants; and
- (e): the steps taken by the Union Government to encourage public sector OMCs to set up solar power plants in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 440 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2010 REGARDING SETTING UP OF SOLAR POWER PLANTS BY OMCS.

(a) to (e): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) are exploring the commercial viability of setting up of Solar Power Plant in the Country. IOC had submitted its offer in response to the bid invited by NTPC Vidyut Vypar Nigam (NVVN). HPC had submitted their bid for a 5 MW solar power plant at Kota, Rajasthan under Phase 1 of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, but the Corporation has not been short-listed. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) has proposed to setup 1 MW solar farm based on Photovoltaic cells at its LPG Bottling Plant, Lalru, Village Alamgir, Post Tiwana, Dist-Mohali, Punjab. The Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have not as yet set up solar power plants. The OMCs take a decision on setting up solar power plants based on their commercial judgement.