

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plans /schemes for financing renewable energy projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of projects financed during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government have made any review of these projects;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c),(d)(e)&(f): Renewable Energy projects in the country are being financed by a large number of banks and Financial Institutions including IREDA, a public sector under this Ministry. The number of projects financed by IREDA during the last three years and the current year are as under:

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| Year | 2007-09 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 |
| | (upto | 31.12.10) | | |

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|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| No. of Projects financed | 16 | 27 | 19 | 24 |
| Projects Commissioned (No.) | 10 | 18 | 11 | 1 |
| Projects in Progress (No.) | 6 | 9 | 8 | 23 |

In addition, Under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission the Ministry has recently introduced a scheme for refinancing SPV Lanterns and home lights and other small systems by providing 30% of subsidy and 50% loan @ 5% interest to individual beneficiaries through NABARD. NABARD will extend loan to Regional Rural Banks @ 2% interest for onward lending to the beneficiaries @ 5% annual interest rate. An amount of 35 crore has been released to NABARD during 2010-11. A target of extending loan to 1,12,000 solar lighting systems has been fixed by NABARD during the current year. The progress and implementation of the projects are reviewed periodically by IREDA and the Ministry.