

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage production of solar power technologies through a planned effort in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total allocation proposed to be made by the Government for encouraging solar technologies in the country in the current financial year?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b)&(c): Government has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission to encourage large scale use of solar energy technologies in the country. Government has approved a target to set up 1,100 MW grid connected solar plants, including 100 MW capacity plants as rooftop and other small solar power for the first phase of the Mission till March 2013. In addition, a target of 200 MW capacity equivalent off-grid solar applications and 7 million square meter solar thermal collector area were also approved.

Ministry has so far sanctioned 802 MW capacity of grid connected solar projects and 38.5 MW of off-grid solar PV projects. In addition during the year, 5 lakh sq meter of solar thermal collector area has been installed.

An amount of Rs. 360 crore has been allocated for the activities of the Mission during 2010-11.