

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to announce a long term Energy Policy to promote environment friendly renewable sources of energy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be adopted?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In December 2008, the Government formulated an Integrated Energy Policy (IEP) covering all sources of energy including renewable energy sources. The IEP document has highlighted the need to develop energy supply options and diversify energy sources including an increased exploitation of renewable energy sources, especially solar. It has further projected that with a concerted push, renewable energy may account for 5 to 6 percent of India's energy mix by 2031-32.

(c): The Government has already adopted the policy recommendations relating to renewable energy and is actively promoting the development and deployment of various renewable energy systems in the country in line with the policy. It has also initiated, in January 2010, the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission to give a boost to deployment of solar energy systems, solar photovoltaic as well as solar thermal.