

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to run tubewells using solar energy in various villages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of such tubewells proposed to be installed in villages during the next five years alongwith the funds allocated by the Government for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has already sanctioned installation of 1704 nos. of solar water pumping systems in the States of Rajasthan (1050 nos.), Punjab (600 nos.) and Chhattisgarh (54 nos.) for irrigation purposes under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission.

(c): The Ministry has not finalized a plan for installation of solar water pumping systems in the villages over the next five years. Therefore, no allocation of funds has been made so far for this purpose.