

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

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AKSHAY URJA SHOPS

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for establishing Akshay Urja Shops in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria/norms laid down for such scheme;
- (d) whether any financial support is provided to the prospective applicants for establishment of the shop; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has a scheme to support the establishment of Akshay Urja Shops in various districts in the country with the objective to create a network of sales and service outlets for renewable energy systems and devices. The programme is being implemented through State Nodal Agencies (SNAs).

(c): The programme has a provision of one shop in each district. Private entrepreneurs, reputed NGOs, SNAs, Manufacturing Associations are eligible for establishment of Shops subject to prescribed terms and conditions laid under the programme. So far 378 Shops have been sanctioned in various States/UTs.

(d): Yes, Madam.

(e): The scheme has provision for soft loan at an interest rate of 7 per cent per annum with a maximum of Rs.10 lakhs loan amount for setting up the shop. A recurring grant and incentive of Rs.10,000/- per month is also available over a period of two years subject to certain eligibility conditions.