

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

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SOLAR ENERGY

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

- (a) whether any proposal is pending with the Government for installation of solar lights in train coaches;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to make the use of solar energy economically viable; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): There is presently no proposal pending for installation of solar lights in train coaches.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The Ministry is supporting research & development in the area of solar energy with a view to increase the efficiency of the solar energy systems and their life and reduce the cost of the systems. In addition, the Ministry is providing financial and fiscal incentives to the consumer for solar photovoltaic and solar thermal energy systems.