

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

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SOLAR PROJECTS FOR HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote solar projects for the historical monuments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing a Scheme on demonstration of renewable energy systems including solar energy systems at places of national and international importance including historical monuments. Central financial assistance is provided for meeting cost of procurement and installation of systems and five years Annual Maintenance contract. The Ministry has so far supported eight projects at historical locations in various States under the Scheme. A list of these projects is given at annexure. Golconda fort and Charminar being important historical monuments in Hyderabad have also been identified for support under the scheme.

(c): The projects at historical locations are developed mainly through the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Regular interactions with the senior officers of ASI are held.