

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government has recently launched country's biggest solar power plant of 40 MW; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and similar steps being taken to launch such solar power plants in the country including Andhra Pradesh in the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Recently, the private sector has set up two 40 MW each solar power plants in Gujarat and Rajasthan. These 40 MW plants are the biggest in the country.

All the States including Andhra Pradesh are required to set up solar power projects to meet requirements of solar specific Renewable Purchase Obligations. There is a cumulative target of setting up of 10,000 MW capacity of grid connected solar power by the end of 12th Plan period.