

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1677  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of solar energy being generated in the country till date;
- (b) whether the Government contemplates to accord priority to solar energy as compared to the hydropower and thermal power;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the funds allocated to each State to popularize solar energy during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) whether any target has been fixed by the Government to enhance the generation and use of solar energy in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Solar Power Projects totaling 506.442 MW have been commissioned.
- (b): Government is according priority to all sources of power.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Funds are sanctioned under various schemes against proposals submitted. The status of last three years and the current year is attached at Annexure 'A'.
- (e); Yes, Madam. National target has been fixed by the Government to enhance the generation and use of solar energy in the country. The details are attached at Annexure 'B'