

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1250

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OFFSHORE WIND FARMS

Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba; Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan; Pradhan Shri Nityananda; Sivasami Shri C.; Yadav Shri Dharmendra

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the process of putting in place a policy to auction, or award, offshore wind farms in a way that could be similar to the auction of oil and gas blocks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted an inter-ministerial panel of secretaries to frame policy guidelines in this regard;
- (d) if so, the guidelines prepared by the Government therefor; and
- (e) the time by when the auction of offshore wind farms is likely to take place?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government has constituted an Offshore Wind Energy Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, MNRE to steer the wind energy development in the country in a directed and focused manner. A sub-committee has also been constituted to suggest draft policy guidelines for development of offshore wind energy projects in the country and submit the report to the Government.

(c): The Offshore Wind Energy Steering Committee has been constituted with the members comprising of the stakeholder Departments / Organizations / Ministries.

(d): Government has not prepared any guidelines for development of offshore wind energy projects in the country.

(e): Does not arise.