

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3325  
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DEVELOPMENT OF OFF SHORE WIND ENERGY  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the preliminary assessment done by a Scottish agency have pointed out the vast potential of wind energy of various places in India including Rameshwaram and South of Kanyakumari;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to tap this energy?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b)&(c): The offshore wind speed has not been measured so far by installation of mast(s) in the sea. However, the preliminary analysis of available near-shore wind speed data including satellite data suggests that there could be a potential to develop offshore wind farm near Kanyakumari and / or north of Rameshwaram. The Government has set up an Offshore Wind Energy Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, MNRE for development of off-shore wind power in the country in a directed and focused manner.