

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

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COST OF SOLAR POWER PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the average cost of producing per MW of solar power;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated consultations with various foreign Governments regarding production of solar power;
- (c) if so, the details of such consultations;
- (d) whether the Government proposes partnership with domestic as well as international private firms to enhance the capacity of Grid connected solar power; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): The benchmark capital cost per MW of installed capacity as worked out by CERC for tariff determination for FY2012-13 is Rs.10 cr./ MW in case of solar PV power plants and Rs.13 cr./ MW in case of solar thermal power plants.
- (b): The Government engages in general dialogue with foreign governments from time to time to explore various avenues for cooperation in renewable energy sector including solar. However, it is not in consultation with any foreign government for setting up of specific projects for production of solar power.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): The Government is promoting setting up of solar power projects mainly in the private sector with largely private investment on Build-Own-Operate basis. The Government of India is not entering into partnerships with private firms directly but company to company partnerships are taking place.
- (e): Does not arise.