

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3147
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OFF SHORE WIND ENERGY
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop off-shore wind energy with private sector participation in the coastal States in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expected increase in the generation of wind power with the setting up of off-shore projects in private sector; and
- (d) the time by which the new projects are likely to be started?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Yes Madam. Preliminary estimates suggest that there could be a potential to develop offshore wind farm near Kanyakumari and / or north of Rameshwaram. The Government has set up Offshore Wind Energy Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, MNRE for development of off-shore wind power in the country in a focused manner.
- (c): The Government has not carried out such study so far.
- (d): Looking to complexity of the issues involved in development of off-shore wind power no time limit has been set.