GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5085 ANSWERED ON:26.04.2013 ENHANCED USE OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTS Adhi Sankar Shri

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

(a) whether the Government proposes an enhanced use of domestic products under the second phase of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) without attracting any adverse comments from the World Trade Organization (WTO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to address the concerns raised by the Ministry of Commerce regarding reservations on the draft circulated by the Ministry proposing to expand local sourcing to more products under the second phase; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Government has several policies to encourage domestic manufacture of solar products including duty concession on import of raw materials. The Government is aware of its international commitments including WTO norms.

(c) &(d): Ministry of New & Renewable Energy had several meetings and discussions with Ministry of Commerce on the issue relating to encouragement of locally manufactured products under 2nd phase of JNNSM.