

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up an Offshore Wind Energy Steering Committee for development of offshore wind power in the country in a focussed manner;
- (b) if so, the details of the road map worked out by the Committee for offshore wind power development after examining the available data with various agencies; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to formulate policy guidelines for tapping offshore wind energy potential and develop policy framework for offshore wind energy sources in a time bound manner in coastal areas of the country including Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b)&(c): The Offshore Wind Energy Steering Committee (OWESC) under the chairmanship of Secretary, MNRE and its sub-committee held several meetings to deliberate on various aspects of offshore wind energy development in the country. As a result, the Draft National Offshore Wind Energy Policy has recently been announced by the Ministry. The draft has also been placed on MNRE website inviting comments and suggestions of stakeholders.