

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

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SOLAR STREET LIGHTS AT PUBLIC PLACES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to make it mandatory to set up solar powered street lights at public places where the people throng in large numbers like bus stations, commercial places, markets and also in areas where the streets were lonely to reduce dependency on grid and also to promote tapping clean sources of energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam, the Ministry does not have any proposal to make it mandatory to set up solar street lights at public places. However, 255879 solar street lights have been installed in various places of the country including public places like bus stations, commercial places and market places etc.

(c)&(d): Does not arise.