

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

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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?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF 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 was placed on the Ministry website inviting comments and suggestions of stakeholders and after incorporating the comments, the draft policy was announced by the Ministry. A Cabinet Note on National Offshore Wind Energy Policy has been recently circulated for inter-ministerial comments.