

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

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PROJECTS UNDER CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has encouraged various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to install solar power plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, PSU-wise;
- (c) whether setting up of new and renewable energy projects is included in their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) portfolio or it is entirely for lowering their costs and get a reliable power supply; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government has been encouraging the setting up of solar power plants for feeding power to grid, with fiscal / financial incentives available under MNRE schemes (including JNNSM), backed by facilitating policies of State Governments. PSUs are also eligible to set up such plants under these schemes. Details of the plants set up so far by different PSUs under MNRE schemes are given in Annexure.

(c)&(d): As per the Guidelines on CSR & Sustainability issued by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) to the CPSEs (effective from 1st April, 2013), the discretion in the selection and implementation of CSR & Sustainability activities is that of Board of Directors of a CPSE, who can take the decision in the best interest of the organization, keeping in view the organizational capacity, resource capacity and core competence of the enterprise. However, DPE guidelines encourage CPSEs to plan and take up projects for promotion of renewable sources of energy including solar under environmental sustainability projects.