

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:324

ANSWERED ON:11.12.2009

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU NATIONAL SOLAR MISSION

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

- (a) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission approved recently, is a public- private partnership project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the Mission;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up special institutions for research in solar energy;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the fiscal incentives proposed to be given to the private sector for the setting up of solar energy plants in the country?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c),(d)(e)&(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in Parts (a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 324 for 11th December 2009

(a),(b),(c): No, Madam. Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (NSM) is not a Public Private Partnership Project as defined under the scheme of Ministry of Finance. However, NSM envisages major participation of private sector by setting up grid connected solar power projects on Build Own and Operate basis. They will be eligible to get preferential tariff for solar power fed to the grid. In addition, private sector will continue to be engaged in setting up of manufacturing units in the country. The private sector is also expected to be a major user of various types of solar energy systems & devices. An amount of Rs. 4,337 crores has been approved for implementation of the first phase of the Mission till March 2013.

(d)&(e): Government will strengthen some of the existing research institutions in the country for undertaking intensive research in solar energy and develop them as Centres of Excellence.

(f): A number of incentives such as nil or concessional customs and excise duty on selected items, 80% accelerated depreciation, preferential tariff for feeding solar power to the grid; and capital / interest subsidy for installation of solar energy systems for various applications are also available to the users including private sector at present.