

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4641  
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USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES  
Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to extensively use solar and renewable energy sources in places like Tirupati, Shirdi and Ajmer and other religious sites in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Government is promoting the use of solar and other renewable energy sources throughout the country. Solar steam cooking system for cooking food for 15,000 people per day at Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh and for 20,000 people per day at Shri Sai Baba Sansthan have already been installed with support from MNRE. The Ministry has recently introduced a scheme under Special Area Demonstration Programme aimed at demonstration of various Renewable Energy Systems/ devices at places of national and international importance including tourist and religious places such as Vaishnodevi shrine, Tirupati Temple, Ajmer Sharif, Sai Baba temple complex, Shirdi etc. A support of upto Rs. 50 lakhs is available for such religious sites.