

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
ACCESS TO CLEAN ENERGY .

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

- (a) whether Government is concerned about the welfare of poor people, whose health is seriously compromised because of lack of access to clean energy;
- (b) whether the off-grid solar applications constitute one of the efficient means to supply clean energy to the poor in most parts of the country;
- (c) whether Government has fixed a target of only MW equivalent for off-grid solar applications and roof-top generation under Phase-1 of the Jawahar Lal Nehru National Solar Mission which is grossly insufficient to meet the basic needs of the rural poor; and
- (d) if so, whether Government proposes to increase the target to a more ambitious number?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

(Dr. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

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

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a),(b),(c)&(d) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 366 for 6th December, 2010

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d): Under the first phase of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) upto 2013, Government has already set a target of 1100 MW of grid connected solar power projects, including 100 MW of rooftop and small grid connected solar power projects. In addition, a target of 200 MW equivalent of off-grid solar applications has also been set for the same period.