

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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SOLAR-POWERED BOATS

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

(a) the measures implemented by the Central Government in collaboration with State Governments to encourage the use of solar-powered boats for fishing and cruising, considering that some State Governments are already supporting this initiative; and

(b) whether the Central Government is improving research efforts for solar-powered boats, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) Presently, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is not implementing any scheme to support use of solar-powered boats for fishing and cruising. However, Ministry has recently requested National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) to conduct a study on feasibility of utilizing solar power in boats including the boats used for fishing and cruising. NISE has prepared a preliminary report on this and submitted to MNRE.
