

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2080
TO BE ANSWERED ON-08.03.2018

INCREASE IN IMPORT DUTIES ON SOLAR EQUIPMENT

2080. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU

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

- (a) whether the Government has increased the import duties on solar equipment and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there are enough Lithium reserves in the country to fulfil the demand of the solar industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which this fulfils the Government's commitment to promote harnessing the solar energy in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER (I/C)
(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) The Government has not increased import duties on solar equipment.

(b) & (c) Lithium is largely being imported in the country. It is required in the Solar Industry for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) is presently not a significant component in the country's solar power projects because of high cost, and as such, limited domestic availability of lithium does not affect the Government's commitment to promote harnessing the solar energy in the country.
