

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-6332
TO BE ANSWERED ON-05.04.2018

TRANSITION FROM FOSSIL FUEL TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

- (a) whether both India and France have pledged to substantially reduce their carbon emission and work towards energy transmission from fossil fuels to renewable energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the leaders of the both the countries had co-chaired the founding conference of the International Solar Alliance which was first mooted during the Paris Climate Change Conference in 2015 at the initiative of India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) India-France Joint Statement issued on 10 March 2018 during the State visit of President of France to India inter-alia reaffirmed commitment to lead the fight against climate change, based on the principles of climate justice, fostering climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development. It was also reaffirmed that the strengthening of the India-French technological cooperation on renewable energy was a common priority for encouraging the emergence and dissemination of innovation in all the sectors. The importance of mobilizing public and private funds to support the development of solar energy was also stressed.

(c) and (d) On 11 March 2018, the Prime Minister of India and the President of France co-hosted the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). Forty eight countries, including India participated in this conference. In addition, there was representation from the United Nations, Multilateral Development Banks, energy-related think tanks, corporate sector and civil society. The Founding Conference included a Plenary Session and Technical Sessions on Solar Priorities, Low-Cost Solar Finance and Scaling up Off-grid Solar.
