GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 742 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019

RENEWABLE ENERGY AS FUEL IN TRAINS

742. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to utilize renewable sources of energy as fuel for trains in the near future; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways plans to harness 500 Mega Watt (MW) land based solar power for Traction purpose.

Indian Railways also plans to harness 200 MW of wind energy, the bulk of which would be utilized for traction purpose.

At present, 26 MW Wind plant installed at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan and 10.5 MW Wind installed at Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu is already supplying power for train operations. Further, 50.4 MW Wind plant at Sangli, Maharashtra is under commissioning for train operations.