

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-70

TO BE ANSWERED ON-07.02.2019

INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

*70. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI

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

(a) whether the Government has recently approved to move a resolution in the First Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to open up its membership to all UN countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aim of the resolution; and

(c) the manner in which it will help in putting solar energy in global agenda with universal appeal for developing and deploying solar energy?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in Reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha
Starred Question No. 70 to be answered on 7 February 2019
regarding**

International Solar Alliance

The requisite information in reply to the Question, is as under:

The Indian delegation to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) moved a Resolution in the first Assembly of the ISA held on 3 October 2018, to amend the Framework Agreement of ISA for opening up the ISA membership to all countries that are members of United Nations. The Assembly considered and adopted the Resolution. The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 1 November 2018, accorded ex-post facto approval for moving the Resolution.

It is recognized that solar energy can play a major role in achieving energy security; Sustainable Development Goals, improving the conditions and standard of living for the majority of the world's population. Opening up ISA membership will help in putting solar energy on the global agenda for ensuring access to sustainable and modern energy for all at affordable rates. This will ensure that the ISA initiative benefits the world at large and is not restricted to the countries lying either fully or partially between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.