

# **MNRE supporting renewable energy parks: Farooq Abdullah**

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In a move that aims to create awareness and publicity about renewable energy technologies and systems and their potential benefits to the people in India, the union ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) is supporting in establishing State Level Energy Parks (SLEP).

In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, the MNRE minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, said that the ministry is supporting up to two SLEPs per state under its Special Area Demonstration Project Scheme. The ministry has supported 30 SLEPs in various states and UTs so far.

The parks could be established by the State Nodal Agencies or Departments at an appropriate location where a large number of visitors are expected. The scheme is an on-going scheme. During the last three years and in current year, MNRE has supported SLEPs at Bilaspur in Chhatisgarh, Hamirpur and Solan in Himachal Pradesh and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir. No proposal for setting up of SLEPs has been received from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Rajasthan and Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

The MNRE provides support up to Rs. 100 lakh per SLEP. The energy parks have helped in their purpose of creating awareness about renewable energy and its potential benefits to the people.