

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please resume your places. ... *(Interruptions)*... Please resume your places, everyone. ... *(Interruptions)*... Please let the Question Hour continue. ... *(Interruptions)*... Please Dr. Maitreyan. ... *(Interruptions)*...

DR. V. MAITREYAN: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: None of this is going on record. ... *(Interruptions)*...

DR. V. MAITREYAN: *

श्री सभापति : प्लीज आप बैठ जाइए ...*(व्यवधान)*... The House is adjourned till 12.00 hours.

The House then adjourned at seventeen minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at 12.00 Noon

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Creation of Solar Valleys

*521. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has directed creation of solar valleys on the lines of silicon valleys so as to exploit the non-conventional energy potential in the country; and

(b) if so, the action his Ministry has taken on the said directive?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. While launching Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to create 'Solar Valleys' on the lines of the Silicon Valleys.

The Government has taken several initiatives which would help in development of solar valleys in the country over a period of time. These initiatives include large scale deployment of solar energy devices/ systems, local manufacturing, research and training activities of different aspects of solar energy technologies.

Budget for North Eastern States

*522. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

*Not recorded