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Dr Farooq Abdullah is the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy in the Government of India. He is best known for his energetic leadership of the pathbreaking and transformational initiative in renewable energy—The Jawahar Lal Nehru National Solar Mission. He is also known for a number of other initiatives in the renewable energy space in India, notably the introduction of Generation Based Incentives and the move towards introduction of Renewable Energy Certificates.

Born in 1937 in Soura on the outskirts of Srinagar, Dr Farooq Abdullah completed his MBBS from the SMS Medical College, Jaipur. He has had a long and distinguished political career, having served as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir thrice and a Member of Parliament twice. He has been a member of the Committee on Defence, Member of Parliamentary Forum on Population and Public Health, and a Member of Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Dr Abdullah has been conferred the 'Dr B C Roy Award' as a medical man-cum-statesman and D Litt. (Honoris Causa) from Aligarh Muslim University.

An ardent golfer, he is keenly interested in photography, classical music, and ghazals. He is also an avid traveller.