

Plans for development of renewable energy

729. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the developmental plans of the Ministry for the whole country during the next five years; and

(b) how much budget would be required for the same?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) The plans for new and renewable energy sources for Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) period are under preparation.

(b) Does not arise.

Solar farms in LWE districts

730. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to install solar farms with 90 per cent assistance in 60 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry has earmarked special funds for LWE districts; and

(d) how much funds have been so far spent on 60 LWE districts for solar farming during the last five years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ministry has not separate Scheme for setting up of Solar Farms in LWE districts. However, under the Off-grid Solar Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), in General Category States, the Ministry can provide 30% subsidy of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 81/- per watt peak and/ or loan at 5% annual interest rate for 50% of benchmark cost of installation of solar photovoltaic systems. However, a proposal to set up solar charging stations with 90% CFA has been considered by Empowered Group of Planning Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Ministry released Rs, 30 lakhs during 2009-10 for a 20 kWp stand-alone SPV power project at Jhargram village in Gumla district, Jharkhand. Rs. 50.00 lakhs and Rs. 53 lakhs were released during 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively for a 100 kWp stand-alone SPV power plant in village Jari, Gumla district in Jharkhand.