

for installing solar lanterns, home lights and small capacity PV plants upto 210 Wp by individuals.

(b) 24751 solar home lighting systems have been installed in different districts in Rajasthan during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Clean energy research and development centre

4136. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of US-India Joint Clean Energy Research and Development Centre;

(b) whether the deal would lead to the creation of more jobs and enhancement of research in the field of renewable energy in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Indo-US Joint Clean Energy Research and Development Centre (JCERDC) a joint initiative of the Government of India and the US Department of Energy, aims to facilitate Research and Development on clean energy by teams of scientists, technologists and engineers from India and the United States, and related joint activities, needed to deploy clean energy technologies rapidly. This Centre also proposes to support multi-institutional network projects using public-private partnership model of funding.

The Indian and US Governments have committed an amount equal to US \$25 Million spread over a period of 5 years for 3 priority areas of Solar Energy, Second Generation of Bio-fuels and Energy Efficiency of Buildings.

Assessment of potential sites

4137. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether action has been taken by Government to find out the potential wind energy sites and site-wise resource assessment has been made in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and