(d) if so, the action taken on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH) : (a) and (b) The Forum of Regulators (A forum comprising of Chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and Chairpersons of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions) has approved a Model Regulation for State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) on Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) and its compliance, wherein there is a provision for levy of compliance charge on the basis of the shortfall in units of RPO at the forbearance price decided by the Central Commission, in event of obligated entities not fulfilling the renewable purchase obligation.

(c) and (d) The Electricity Act, 2003 mandates SERCs to specify a percentage of total power consumed by the obligated entities from renewable energy in their States. The responsibility of monitoring and also ensuring its compliance lies with the concerned SERCs.

Power plants in rural areas

1801. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the proposal of making power plants in rural areas eligible for renewable energy certificate;

(b) whether the utilities as well as captive consumers would be allowed by RECs from such projects to meet their RPO;

(c) whether provisions for simplifying implementation issues like metering, sale of RECs for the rural entrepreneurs are being taken into account; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH) : (a) and (b) A power generating plant based on renewable energy, irrespective of its location, is eligible for Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) if it meets the eligibility criteria provided in the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for recognition and issuance of Renewable Energy Certificate for Renewable Energy Generation) Regulations, 2010.

(c) and (d) No Sir, REC norms are uniformly applicable to eligible power generating plants based on renewable energy.