

1	2	3
20.	Tamil Nadu	22
21.	Uttar Pradesh	16
22.	Uttarakhand	5
23.	West Bengal	2
GRAND TOTAL		141

Use of solar power for water pumping

*43. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is large scope of using solar power for water pumping by farmers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) and set a target of 2000 MWp equivalent of Off-grid solar applications including solar water pumping systems by 2022. Government approved the first phase of the JNNSM up to March, 2013 with a target of 200 MWp equivalent of off-grid solar applications. Under the Off-grid Solar Applications Scheme of JNNSM, the Ministry provides a capital subsidy of 30% of the benchmark cost of solar water pumping system having module capacity up to 5kWp, limited to Rs.57/- per watt peak, to individual farmers for irrigation and other uses in the country. Under the Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned 5323 solar water pumping systems in different states.

Construction of storage facilities

*44. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to construct more storage facilities to reduce wastage of foodgrains; and