

up mainly by private developers with own investment at locations of their choice, backed by facilitating policies of States and fiscal/financial incentives from Central Government, such as, concessional/nil customs and excise duties, accelerated depreciation, preferential tariffs, etc. Recently, Government of Bihar has also shown interest in the activity and floated draft RFP in February 2013 for setting up solar power plants of total 150 MW capacity in the state.

Floating solar plants

2291. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Japanese company proposes to build up floating solar installations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia*, indicating the regions where these would be installed;
- (c) what would be the power generation capacity of each of these plants; and
- (d) how far this would help to boost power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir. No Japanese Company has submitted any such proposal.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Does not arise.

Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF) of solar plants

2292. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of current solar thermal power plants in the country;
- (b) the average Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF) of Indian solar thermal power plants based on actual generation;
- (c) whether there is any gap in the current available solar potential/radiation data of India *vis-a-vis* the actual on ground data;