

Installation of solar water pumps

3668. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has installed solar water pumps in all the villages across the country during the last year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) No Sir. However, under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, the Ministry provides a subsidy of 30% of the project cost limited to Rs. 57,000 per kWp for installation of solar water pumps having solar photovoltaic module capacity upto 5 kWp.

(b) During 2012-13, 3855 pumps were installed in the States of Rajasthan (3845 nos.) and Chhattisgarh (10 nos.). No pump was installed in Maharashtra during the year under the Scheme.

Establishment of Akshay Urja shops

3669. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to establish the Akshay Urja shops in all the districts of the country;

(b) the number of districts where such shops are yet to be opened; and

(c) the details of Akshay Urja shop policy of Government and the time-frame estimated to cover all the districts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been implementing a scheme for setting up of Akshay Urja shops in all districts of the country. So far 341 Akshay Urja shops have been supported in the country. No proposals from remaining about 265 districts have been received in MNRE.