

**Boost to solar power projects**

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

- (a) whether it is proposed to give a big boost to solar power projects in the country;
- (b) whether the industry has been involved in this process and it has given a white paper to Government's suggestions and the steps to enhance solar energy projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?
- (d) whether such projects are proposed to be developed in the private sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Before formulating any scheme, meetings are held from time to time with all the stakeholders including representatives from the Industry. Several suggestions have been received from the industry from time to time.

(d) and (e) Any eligible entity can participate in the open bidding process to develop the projects and therefor private sector is expected to play major role.

**Establishment of solar power plants**

711. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to establish solar power plants across the country with a view to turn itself eco-friendly and to reduce the power crisis prevailing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any areas have already been identified to establish such plants in Haryana; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?