

(b) and (c) There existed a Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) for use and installation of solar panels under the National Solar Mission but the DCR provision under those schemes, which have not been found compliant under WTO provisions, as per the ruling of World Trade Organisation (WTO) in a dispute settlement DS-456 have been stopped.

Loan given for renewable energy projects

133. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been given loan with lower interest for setting up of new renewable energy projects and production units in the country including Karnataka, the details thereof; and

(b) the target being fixed by Government to produce more energy through this loan scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no specific scheme of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) under which loan is provided at lower rate of interest for renewable energy projects.

For renewable energy projects banks and financial institutions charge interest at rates depending on project viability, RBI guidelines and market conditions. IREDA, the Ministry's RE financing body extends a rebate of 0.5% per annum on the existing interest rates, to encourage promoters in SC/ST, women, ex-servicemen and handicapped categories.

However loans at lower interest rates are being made available for renewable energy projects by some banks like State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank by availing lines of credit from World Bank, ADB, KfW, etc., for renewable energy projects in the country.

Installation of solar electric fencing in Ratnagiri Konkan area

†134. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to install Solar Electric Fencing system to protect agro-crops from wild animals in Ratnagiri Konkan area, if so, details thereof;

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