

Financial assistance under KUSUM Scheme

†3461. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) based on Central assistance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would provide ₹ 34,422 crore for this project by the year 2022 to generate 25750 megawatt power production capacity; and

(c) if so, the steps taken towards financial assistance and power production target for power-deficient State of Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Ministry has launched a New Scheme for Farmers on 8.3.2019, which, *inter alia*, provides for.

- (i) installation of 10,000 MW capacity through renewable energy based small power plants each of capacity up to 2 MW in the rural areas;
- (ii) installation of 17.5 lakh standalone off-grid solar water pumps; and
- (iii) solarization of 10 lakh existing grid-connected agriculture pumps.

Under the scheme a total renewable power capacity of 25750 MW is aimed to be created by 2022 with total Central Financial Assistance of ₹ 34,422 crore including the service charges to the implementing agencies.

(c) The scheme is demand driven and State-wise targets have not been fixed. Allocation of capacity to the States/UTs will be based on demand received from the States/UTs and target capacity available under the scheme.

Status of solar energy production in Rajasthan

3462. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan have plans to increase generation of solar energy since the State has lot of sunshine; and

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(b) what are the targets and how is it proposed to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) The Government of Rajasthan has reported that Solar Policy, 2014 has been issued to promote generation of Solar Energy in the State.

(b) The Government of Rajasthan has reported that it plans to set up Solar Power Projects as detailed under to achieve targeted Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO):

Sl.No.	Year	Target (As per RPO requirement)
1.	2019-20	800 MW
2.	2020-21	1500 MW
3.	2021-22	1600 MW
4.	2022-23	1785 MW

In addition to above, 350 MW (Bhadla Solar Park) in 2019-20, 980MW (Nokh Solar Park) and 600 MW Phalodi-Pokaran Solar Park capacity will be added in 2021-22.

Payments pending to Private Producers by DISCOMS

3463. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note that the delay in payments by DISCOMS to Private Producers like NTPC are posing a big problem to DISCOMS as well as Power Producers for the solar power supplies made to the projects under National Solar Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to control the situation, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Solar Power Developers/Producers Associations have brought to the notice of the Government the issue of delay in