

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022

Status of the Solar Charkha Mission

593. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Solar Charkha Mission;
- (b) the number of jobs created till now under the said Mission; and
- (c) the details of amounts of funds sanctioned and spent under the said Mission during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a): 'Mission Solar Charkha (MSC)' was started in the year 2018-19 for setting up of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country. 10 projects were sanctioned during 2019, but these could not be implemented due to revision of the guidelines in 2020 and COVID Pandemic etc. Meanwhile, one Promoter Agency backed out due to its financial constraints. Accordingly, revised Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of 9 projects based on revised guidelines have been approved, but no fund has been released to the sanctioned projects so far. As per the instructions of the Ministry of Finance, the scheme has now been closed for taking up new proposals from 2021-22 onwards.

(b): Does not arise, as no projects have been started under the said Mission.

(c): Rs.6026.46 lakhs grant has been sanctioned for 9 Projects, but no fund has been spent for sanctioned projects.

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