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RAJYA SABHA
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INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) The targets set and status of completion in respect of International Solar Alliance (ISA) since 2019;
- (b) Whether it is a fact that it remains underfunded and understaffed;
- (c) If so, the measures planned by Government to provide adequate staff and budgetary allocation to ISA;
- (d) Whether it is a fact that most of the projects of ISA have taken place in China; and
- (e) If so, the measures taken by Government to increase the scope of ISA to other countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (c) International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform co-founded by India and France and is the first inter-governmental treaty based international organization headquartered in India. ISA aims to increase the deployment of solar energy technologies to promote energy access, ensure energy security, and drive energy transition in its member countries.

The 5th session of ISA Assembly held on 18th October, 2022 approved the 'Annual Voluntary Contributions' mechanism. As on date, Government of India, including its public sector undertakings have provided financial assistance of more than INR 475 crore towards its corpus fund and administrative expenses.

During the 7th ISA Assembly held on 4th November, 2024, ISA Secretariat informed the Assembly that it currently employs 35 permanent staff and 18 number of staff are employed on contractual or secondment basis. Recruitment of another 20 staff members by end of 2024 is under process at ISA.

As a member country and as President of ISA Assembly, India has supported ISA through financial contribution and technical knowledge sharing, whenever approached upon by ISA Secretariat.

(d) & (e) People's Republic of China has not signed the framework agreement of ISA and consequently, no ISA projects have been implemented in People's Republic of China.

Since its inception, ISA has carried out demonstration projects in about 30 member countries. These demonstration projects aim to showcase solar technology to local communities and encourage stakeholders to expand them on a larger scale.

At present, ISA has a total of 104 member countries. Another 16 signatory counties are in the process to ratify the framework agreement to attain full membership status.
