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RAJYA SABHA
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EXPANSION OF SOLAR POWER SCHEME IN PVTG AREAS

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

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans to expand the New Solar Power Schemes for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas in the country particularly in Telangana beyond the current financial outlay, given the significant need for electricity access in these regions;
(b) if not, any assessment on the future scaling of the program; and
(c) whether there are specific timelines and benchmarks established for the solarisation of Multi-Purpose Centres (MPCs) in remote and inaccessible regions of PVTG areas in Telangana?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing New Solar Power Scheme (for Tribal and PVTG Habitations/Villages) under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) and Dharti Aabha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA JGUA) in Tribal and PVTG areas of the country, including in the state of Telangana, identified by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA).

The scheme covers following:

- i. Electrification of one lakh un-electrified households (HHs) by provision of off-grid solar systems.
- ii. Providing off-grid solar lighting in 1500 Multi-Purpose Centres (MPCs).
- iii. Solarisation of 2000 public institutions through off-grid solar systems

The off-grid solar systems under the scheme shall be provided only where electricity supply through grid is not techno-economically feasible.

Based on the proposals received from the states a total of 9863 HHs including 326 HHs from the state of Telangana have been sanctioned till 27.11.2024. Therefore, sufficient capacity is available for providing energy access to eligible HHs under the scheme.

(c) The scheme has provision for providing off-grid solar lighting in 1500 MPCs including the MPCs in the state of Telangana by 2025-26, for which central financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh per MPC will be provided.

So far, Ministry has not received any proposal from the state of Telangana for solarisation of MPCs under the scheme.
