

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1383
TO BE ANSWERED ON-26.07.2018

DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR PUMPS ON CHEAPER RATES

1383. SHRI BHARAT SINGH

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to distribute solar pumps at cheaper rates to the farmers of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any scheme has been formulated for the sale of electricity generated by the pumps distributed to the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which objectives of the said scheme are likely to be achieved ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER (I/C)
(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

- (a) To make solar water pumps affordable to the farmers, Government provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) up to 30% of the benchmark cost of installation under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar PV Applications Programme.
- (b) & (c) The Government is formulating a Scheme 'Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)' which covers solarization of existing grid-connected agriculture pumps, also enabling sale of surplus electricity generated by solar panels. The Scheme is under the process of approval and detailed provisions are yet to be finalized.
