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LOK SABHA
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ENCOURAGING ADOPTION OF SOLAR ROOFTOP

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

- (a) whether the Government is encouraging DISCOMs to promote rooftop solar and increase its adoption and if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard;
- (b) whether there are any special financing mechanisms or low-interest loans available for DISCOMs to invest in rooftop solar infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to raise public awareness about the benefits of rooftop solar; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which DISCOMs are involved in these awareness campaigns?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) has a provision of incentivising DISCOMs to facilitate promotion of rooftop solar and increase its adoption. A total financial outlay of Rs 4,950 crore has been provisioned under the scheme for this purpose.

In addition, the scheme has provisions for providing service charges, support for awareness and outreach, support for capacity building that will also encourage DISCOMs in promotion of rooftop solar.

Further, measures such as waiver of technical feasibility approval, auto load enhancement, ensuring availability of net-meters, prioritising installation of smart-meters for rooftop solar consumers are also encouraging promotion of rooftop solar by the DISCOMs.

(b) No.

However, there is a provision of collateral free loan for from Nationalised Banks at concessional interest rate of 7% and tenure of 10 years for residential consumers installing rooftop solar plants of capacity upto 3 kW under the PMSG: MBY.

(c) & (d) The Ministry is running a comprehensive Awareness and Outreach campaign for promotion of rooftop solar under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. This campaign includes Radio jingles, Nukkad Naataks, publicity on television, Audio-visual in theatres, website campaign, etc. DISCOMs being the implementing agencies of the scheme in the states work closely with MNRE for IEC activities.
