

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3667
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018
LULL IN SOLAR POWER SECTOR

3667. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that action in the solar power arena saw a lull in November, 2017 with tenders for new projects declining by 25 per cent to 300 MW and auction of new offerings dropping by 98 per cent to just 5 MW from level of activities seen in October;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that cumulative installations surpassed 17 GW as of September, 2017 with over 7GW installed in the first nine months of 2017; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The non-issuance of tenders in a particular month does not mean lull in the sector. Tenders of 25 MW were issued in October 2017, whereas no tender was issued in November 2017. However, tenders of – 5585 MW were issued in December 2017, 2300 MW in January 2018, and 3070 MW in February 2018 taking the cumulative tendered capacity of solar power projects to 16980 MW in 2017-18 (up to the month of February, 2018).

(b) and (c) A cumulative capacity 14765.65 MW grid connected solar power projects was installed upto September, 2017. A capacity of grid connected solar power projects of 4,763.83 MW was installed during first nine months i.e. from April, 2017 to December, 2017 in the current financial year. However, it reached to 7,295 MW for the period April, 2017 to February, 2018.
