

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2018

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC FENCING IN RATNAGIRI KONKAN AREA

134. SHRI NARAYAN RANE

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to install Solar Electric Fencing system to protect agro-crops from wild animals in Ratnagiri Konkan area, if so, details thereof;
- (b) the extent of the area in which Solar Electric Fencing system has been installed as on date to protect agro-crops from wild animals in Konkan area and the extent of area in which this system is yet to be installed; and
- (c) by when Solar Electric Fencing system would be installed in the remaining agricultural areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The State of Maharashtra has informed that in Ratnagiri Konkan area, no solar fencing has been installed by Forest Department on private agriculture land for protecting agro-crops from wild animals. However, solar fencing has been carried out along the forest boundaries to prevent wild life movement, particularly of elephants, towards crops under District Plan.

The state has further informed that it is ready to consider installation of solar electric fencing in remaining areas under District Plan Scheme in case there is demand from the farmers.
