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PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to conduct capacity building programmes for skill development to increase the participation of women in the energy sector;
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to increase employment for women in renewable energy sectors and related energy supply value chains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been supporting capacity building programmes for skill development in the area of renewable energy including solar energy (Suryamitra), wind energy (Vayumitra), and small hydro power (Jalurjamitra). The Suryamitra skill development programme is being implemented since financial year 2015-16, wherein 2251 women candidates were trained since inception of the programme till November 2022, out of which 836 candidates have been reported to be employed.

The Vayumitra and Jalurjamitra skill development programmes have been launched recently, where both men and women are eligible.

Ministry had also supported six months training programme specifically for semi-literate women of rural areas on assembly, installation, operation and maintenance of solar lanterns, lamps, etc.
