

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

SOLAR CHARKHA MISSION

2184. SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Solar Charkha Mission;
- (b) whether the main objective of said mission is to provide employment to women and youth in rural areas;
- (c) whether the said scheme would help in preventing the migration of people from rural areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the work completed under the scheme in Gujarat, so far, and the details thereof.

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a): Ministry of MSME had proposed setting up of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters under “Mission Solar Charkha” scheme during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. The scheme involves 35% grant on machineries and 100% grant on workshed, solar grid, and training and interest subvention on working capital for the period of 2 years. Maximum grant is Rs. 9.59 crore with estimated employment of 2000 persons in each cluster to be generated in rural areas.

Initially 10 projects have been sanctioned during 2019-20. However, these projects could not be implemented due to various challenges faced by the Promoter Agencies and COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, the guidelines of the scheme were revised and total of 4 projects have been sanctioned to be implemented as per revised guidelines, as pilot projects.

(b): Yes, Sir. The main objective of the scheme is to ensure inclusive growth by generation of employment, especially for women and youth.

(c): Yes, Sir. The scheme is likely to boost rural economy and help in preventing the migration of people from rural areas.

(d): No cluster has been sanctioned under Solar Charkha scheme in Gujarat.

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