

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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PURCHASE OF POWER UNDER KUSUM COMPONENT-A

620. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide loans to the renewable energy generating companies without collateral security, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the performance-based incentive with respect to the distribution corporations for purchasing more power from farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM): Component A, if so, the amount thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to cover KUSUM: Component A under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) The Government is making efforts for availability of easy financing to renewable energy generating companies. Reserve Bank of India has included bank loans up to a limit of ₹30 crore to borrowers for purposes like solar based power generators, biomass-based power generators, wind mills, micro-hydel plants and for renewable energy based public utilities, viz., street lighting systems and remote village electrification etc. under Priority Sector Lending classification. For individual households, the loan limit of ₹10 lakh per borrower is covered under the Guidelines. However, actual terms and conditions of the loans, including requirement of collateral security, vary among different banks/financial institutions (FIs) based on factors such as exposure of banks/FIs to the sector, credit worthiness of the borrower, risk perception, etc.

(b) Currently, there is no proposal for increasing the Performance Based Incentive (PBI) under Component-A of the PM-KUSUM Scheme. Further, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has not received any such request from the scheme implementing DISCOMs.

(c) MNRE has moved a proposal for inclusion of Component-A of the PM-KUSUM Scheme under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.
