GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1976

TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 07, 2023

SOLAR POWER IN CITIES

NO. 1976. DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the work done by Government on projects for increasing the solar power generation and utilization in urban areas, in the past five years, including the total number of generation capacity and utilization of solar power in each city;
- (b) the funds released / spent on the same;
- (c) the details of the proposed/upcoming projects for increasing solar power generation / storage / transportation / utilization, State-wise, including the tentative time required to complete each project; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated for the same?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a) & (b) There is no specific scheme for increasing solar power generation and utilization in each city. However, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched Phase-II of the Rooftop Solar Programme (RTS) program in 2019 and Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is being provided for setting up rooftop solar plants in residential sector. The scheme is being implemented in the entire country and there is no city wise / area wise allocation under the scheme. The capacity installed under the scheme is 2045.72 MW (till 30.06.2023) and total expenditure incurred since the financial year 2019-20 to 2023-24 (till 30.06.2023) is Rs. 3,461.20 crores.
- (c) & (d) MNRE is implementing Rooftop Solar Programme Phase II, a demand driven programme, wherein RTS capacity aggregating 4000 MW by 2026, is targeted in residential sector through provision of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) out of the overall target of 40000 MW by 2026. Total fund support of Rs 11,814 crores has been earmarked for the purpose.
