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SOLAR PARKS IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) the total number of solar parks in the country including West Bengal built or under Construction;
- (b) the sum total capacity of solar parks to generate electricity, increased in the last three years;
- (c) the total hectares of land on which these projects are set up; and
- (d) the total amount of farm land or fertile soil used so far in these projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) The Government have sanctioned 50 Solar Parks with aggregate capacity of 37,990 MW in 12 States across the country, so far. Out of this, 11 Solar Parks with aggregate capacity of 8,521 MW have been completed and 7 Solar Parks with aggregate capacity of 3,985 MW have been partially completed. In these parks, solar projects of aggregate capacity of 10,237 MW have been developed.

Currently, there is no Solar Park sanctioned in the State of West Bengal. The earlier approved park of capacity 500 MW at East Medinipur, West Medinipur and Bankura districts was cancelled on request of the Government of West Bengal.

(b) The capacity of solar projects installed in various Solar Parks has increased by 2,292 MW during the last three years and current year.

(c) & (d) Around 69,000 hectares of land has been acquired so far for Solar Parks. Provision of land for Solar Parks is responsibility of the concerned State/UT Government. Further, the Solar Park scheme encourages use of waste/non-agricultural land for development of Solar Parks.
