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PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

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

- (a) whether India and France have launched an International Solar Alliance (ISA) at Paris on 2015 which has 110 countries as members;
- (b) the progress made in terms of facilitating the projects by the ISA;
- (c) the number of projects which have been facilitated by the ISA;
- (d) the funding pattern of ISA; and
- (e) the role of India and other countries in the alliance?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER
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(a) International Solar Alliance (ISA) was launched on 30th November, 2015 by the Prime Minister of India and the then President of France at the 21st session of United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-21) in Paris, France. As on 20th March, 2025, ISA has 105 member countries, while another 17 countries are in the process of ratifying the ISA Framework Agreement to become full member of ISA Assembly.

(b)&(c) ISA has launched 9 dedicated programmes to support Member Countries in identifying applications, develop conducive policies for solar, build their capacities and improve access to finance. As informed by ISA Secretariat, facilitation has been done for 39 numbers of Solar Projects, including those under various stages of implementation across 34 countries.

(d) As per the Framework Agreement of the establishment of the ISA, operating costs of the Secretariat and the Assembly, and all costs related to support functions and cross-cutting activities, that form the budget of ISA, are covered by:

- (i) Voluntary contributions by its Members, UN and its agencies and other countries;
- (ii) Voluntary contributions from private sector;
- (iii) Revenue to be generated from specific activities approved by the Assembly.

(e) As per the Framework Agreement of the establishment of the ISA, the seat of ISA shall be in India. India has been elected as the President of ISA Assembly for the fourth consecutive term of 2 years on 4th November, 2024 during the 7th ISA Assembly. As a member country and as President of ISA Assembly, India has supported ISA through financial contribution and technical knowledge sharing, whenever approached upon by the ISA Secretariat.

The Assembly of ISA assesses the aggregate effect of the Programmes and other activities under the ISA, in particular in terms of deployment of solar energy, performance, reliability, as well as cost and scale of finance. Based on this assessment, Members take all necessary decisions regarding the further implementation of the objective of the ISA.
