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MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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**SUBSIDISING FARMERS TO INSTALL SOLAR IRRIGATION PUMPS FOR
CULTIVATION**

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WILL THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY BE PLEASED TO
STATE:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to subsidize farmers to install solar irrigation pumps for cultivation;
- (b) the details of beneficiary farmers under all farmer-centric initiatives of the Ministry; and
- (c) the details of allocations made by the Ministry to all farmer-centric initiatives during the past twelve years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER
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(a) The Ministry is implementing PM KUSUM scheme for the deployment of subsidized solar pumps. The scheme is demand driven and Central Financial Assistance of 30% (or 50% for North Eastern Region/Hilly region/Islands) is provided for installation of solar pumps. The scheme is covered under Agriculture Infrastructural Fund, which enables farmers to avail interest subvention and easy financing for their contribution.

(b) As on 30.06.2026, more than 14.65 lakh farmers are benefitted through standalone solar pumps, under different scheme of Ministry, including PM KUSUM.

Additionally, more than 16.32 lakh farmers are benefitted through solarization of agriculture feeders through Feeder Level Solarization (FLS) under PM KUSUM scheme.

(c) The Ministry has carried out various farmer-centric initiative, like Off-grid & Decentralized Solar PV Applications Scheme (2010 – 2021) under which 3.16 lakh solar pumps were installed.

Under PM KUSUM scheme (2019 – till date) 10,000 MW has been allocated to the states for setting up of decentralized solar plants under Component A, 13.07 lakh solar pumps for installation under Component B and 35.91 lakh pumps for solarization of grid connected pumps and Feeder Level Solarization under Component C.
