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**SOLARIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN POWER
SCHEMES**

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

- (a) the national progress of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and PM KUSUM Scheme, including subsidies for women entrepreneurs and the solarization of agricultural assets;
- (b) the solarization of tubewells and involvement of FPOs in Uttar Pradesh, and the impact on local communities, including reduced energy costs, increased agricultural productivity and empowerment of women through leadership roles in FPOs managing solar assets; and
- (c) the utilization of subsidies for women entrepreneurs to solarize tubewells in Etawah's Barhpur block, the priority given to FPOs led by OBC women in managing solar assets and the reduction of diesel dependency?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) and PM KUSUM scheme both are demand-driven schemes with no separate provisions of subsidy for women entrepreneurs.

Under the PMSG: MBY, since its launch in February 2024, a total of 77,65,047 applications have been received, 41,94,051 rooftop solar (RTS) systems with a cumulative installed capacity of 14,894.95 MW have been installed, benefitting 50,43,893 households and an amount of Rs. 28,390.50 crore has been released as Central Financial Assistance (CFA) across the country, as on 05.08.2026.

In case of PM KUSUM, solar capacity of 1986.30 MW have been installed under component-A, over 11.68 lakh off-grid irrigation pumps have been installed under Component-B and over 16.70 lakh grid connected irrigation pumps have been solarised under Component-C till 31.07.2026.

(b) FPOs including the FPOs with women leadership are also eligible for getting subsidy under the PM-KUSUM scheme as per prevailing guidelines. With diesel pumps replaced with solar pumps, the expenditure on diesel gets reduced and with reliable day time solar power availability for irrigation, the agriculture productivity also increases.

(c) The State Implementing Agency of Uttar Pradesh has reported that under the Component-C (IPS), a total of Rs. 1.34 crore has been disbursed to 27 farmers beneficiaries of Etawah district including Barhpur Block as Central Financial Assistance and State Subsidy under the PM KUSUM scheme. The scheme has no exclusive subsidy provisions for women entrepreneurs or FPOs led by OBC women.
