GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2242

TO BE ANSWERED ON-08.03.2018

PRODUCTION OF SOLAR ENERGY

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed targets to produce 60,000 MW solar energy from large plants and 40,000 MW from rooftops by March, 2022 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the target for rooftop plants appears unattainable due to the imposing of safeguard duty of 70 per cent by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on imported panels and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this move would cripple the entire solar industry especially the rooftop segment; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps being taken to incentivize the production of solar power and achieve the target set by the Government?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER (I/C) (SHRI R.K. SINGH)

- (a) The Government has set a target of reaching 100 GW of solar power capacity in the country by 2022 of which 40 GW is targeted from rooftop solar.
- (b) to (d) At present there is no safeguards duty imposed on imported solar panels.
