

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2300
TO BE ANSWERED ON-08.03.2018

PROMOTION OF SOLAR ENERGY FOR IRRIGATION

2300. SHRI HARISH MEENA

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to improve and innovate its support mechanism for the use of solar energy for irrigation purposes;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide interest subsidy to farmers combined with reduced capital subsidy to enable large scale deployment of solar pumps;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by the Government for the promotion of solar energy for irrigation in the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Under the Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications Programme, the Government provides financial support up to 30% of the benchmark cost or tender cost, whichever is lower for setting up of solar irrigation purposes.
- (b) & (c) No Madam.
- (d) Government is working on a mechanism to promote solarisation of the existing grid-connected agriculture pumps/tube-wells/lift irrigation projects in addition to irrigation of offgrid solar irrigation pumps.
