GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-399

TO BE ANSWERED ON-19.07.2018

ENERGY SKILL UNIVERSITY IN RAJASTHAN

399. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) the locations of energy skill related universities in the country and the features thereof;
- (b) whether wind and solar energy hub is situated in Western Rajasthan in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received proposals for setting up of Energy Skill University in Barmer, Rajasthan;
- (e) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to set up such a University in Barmer, Rajasthan; and
- (f) if so, details thereof and the time by which the said university is likely to be set up?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There is no energy skill related university in the country. However, a number of the Universities/ deemed Universities / Institutions in the country offer M.Tech/ M.Sc Programmes in the energy related subjects/ renewable energy. Renewable energy is also one of the electives in undergraduate course curriculum at B.Tech level.
- (b) & (c) Rajasthan has good wind and solar resources and therefore good potential for wind and solar energy projects. Around 4.3 GW wind energy capacity has so far been installed in the western districts of Rajasthan i.e. Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Barmer. Six solar parks as detailed below have also been approved in the state of Rajasthan for setting up of grid connected ground mounted solar projects:

| Name of Solar Park | Capacity (in MW) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Bhadla Phase-II Solar Park; | 680 |
| Jodhpur | |
| Bhadla III Solar Park, Jodhpur | 1000 |
| Bhadla IV Solar Park, Jodhpur | 500 |
| Phalodi-Pokaran Solar Park | 750 |
| Fatehgarh Phase 1B Solar Park, | 421 |
| Jaisalmer | |
| Nokh Solar Park, Jaisalmer | 980 |
| Total Solar Parks (6) | 4331 |

(d) to (f) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has not received any proposal for setting up of Energy Skill University in Barmer (Rajasthan).
