GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

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COST OF GREEN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of New and Renewable Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current cost of the production of green hydrogen in the country is Rs. 350-Rs. 450 kg and such a high cost renders it economically unviable alternative fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether only handful of Indian companies currently manufactures electrolyzer for green hydrogen production and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to reduce green hydrogen production cost and build the supply chain and associated ecosystem for scaling up green hydrogen economy in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

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- (a)& (b) At present, there is no commercial production of Green Hydrogen in India. Some pilot projects have been set up in the country for production of Green Hydrogen at a small scale. Two public sector companies have informed that the cost of Green Hydrogen produced in their pilot projects is in the range of ₹360-400/kg.
- (c) A few companies are manufacturing old technology electrolysers of very small capacity in the country. Recently, one company has set up a manufacturing facility for Polymer Electrolyte Membrane electrolysers.
- (d) On 4^{th} January 2023, the Union Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of $\stackrel{7}{\stackrel{}{\stackrel{}{\stackrel{}}{\stackrel{}}}}$ 19,744 crore. The following components have been announced as part of the Mission to reduce the cost of Green Hydrogen and scale up its production and utilization:
 - (i) Facilitating demand creation through exports and domestic utilization;
 - (ii) Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) programme, which includes incentives for manufacturing of electrolysers and production of green hydrogen;
 - (iii) Pilot Projects for steel, mobility, shipping, decentralized energy applications, hydrogen production from biomass, hydrogen storage, etc.;
 - (iv) Development of Green Hydrogen Hubs;
 - (v) Support for infrastructure development;
 - (vi) Establishing a robust framework of regulations and standards;
 - (vii) Research & Development programme; and
 - (viii) Skill development programme.
