GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 908 ANSWERED ON 25.07.2023

PLI SCHEME FOR ACC

908. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES भारी उद्योग मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to restart the selection process for companies under the Production-Linked Incentives (PLI) Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells (ACC) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the criteria and parameters that will be considered during the selection process to determine the eligible companies for the subsidy scheme;

(c) whether the subsidy scheme is likely to benefit the domestic production of advanced battery cells in the country and if so, its likely impact on overall growth of the sector;

(d) whether there is any plan to further expand the PLI scheme for ACC in future to accommodate more companies and promote additional investment in the sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any information is available on the expected job creation and skill development opportunities that may arise as a result of the implementation of the PLI scheme for ACC?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b): The proposal for re-bidding of balance 20 GWh out of 50 GWh, has been approved, in-principle by the competent authority. Before re-bidding Stakeholder consultations are being carried out. Notice for stakeholder consultation has been published on the Ministry of Heavy Industries website and the link is https://heavyindustries.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/Notice-and-Questionnaire-for-ACC.pdf

(c): Yes Sir. As per the report of NITI Aayog, the likely demand of ACC in India on a conservative basis is estimated 106 GWh while on an accelerated basis it likely to be 260 GWh by 2030. India is expected to be one of the largest markets for energy storage by 2030. The scheme envisages to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities of Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) by setting up of Giga scale ACC and battery manufacturing facilities in India with emphasis on maximum domestic value addition. This scheme will promote Make in India initiative.

(d): No Sir. There is no plan to expand the PLI Scheme beyond 50 GWh. However, more companies may participate in re-bidding of balance 20 GWh.

(e): As per information given by the selected Beneficiaries firms for 30 GWh, the expected employment shall be approximately 8628.
