

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
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AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR PM-SGMBY

5244. SHRI RAMBHUAL NISHAD

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

- (a) whether the State Government officials organized camps at the Gram Sabha level to raise awareness among the villagers regarding the Pradhan Mantri-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether low quality solar panels are being installed under the said yojana due to the collusion with Government officials; and
- (d) the number of households selected under the said yojana and the number of houses where the solar panels have been installed so far in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) To raise awareness among the villagers regarding the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY), states have taken initiatives, which inter alia include:

- Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has organised over 1500 awareness camps including at Gram Sabha level, across all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Pashchim Gujarat DISCOM and Jammu DISCOM have undertaken promotional activities at Gram Sabha and Panchayati Raj institution levels respectively.

In addition, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is creating awareness for the PMSG: MBY through awareness and outreach program such as print advertising in leading newspapers, TV commercials campaigns, Radio campaigns across FM stations including regional channels, etc.

(c) Under PMSG: MBY it is mandatory to use solar modules manufactured in the country using domestically manufactured solar cells. Further, Ministry has Approved List of Modules and Manufacturers (ALMM) and it is mandatory to procure solar modules only that are approved under the ALMM. In addition, to ensure the quality and reliability of solar equipment being used for installation of rooftop solar plants under the Scheme, Ministry has prescribed detailed specification for the solar modules, inverters and other balance of plant. This is also checked by the DISCOMs at the time of inspection. Therefore, adequate checks have been made in the scheme to ensure quality of solar panels.

(d) The PMSG: MBY is open for all residential consumers, with a valid consumer account number from an electric distribution utility (i.e. DISCOM) across the country including the Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. As on 26.3.2025, a total of 561 households have reported installed rooftop solar under the scheme in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh.
