GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 599

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SUBSIDY TO DISCOMS UNDER PM-SGMBY

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy under Pradhan Mantri-Surya Ghar Muft Bijlee Yojana (PM-SGMBY) to State Governments through DISCOMs instead of directly reimbursing beneficiaries so as to facilitate the installation of rooftop solar plants in consumer premises and ensure wider utilization of solar energy;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed procedure for subsidy distribution through DISCOMs along with the timeline for its implementation; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure achievement of PM-SGMBY targets in solar-rich States such as Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

- (a) & (b) There is currently no proposal under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) to give subsidy to State Governments for installation of rooftop solar plants in the premises of residential consumers.
- (c) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has taken following steps to ensure achievement of scheme targets across the country including in solar-rich States such as Uttar Pradesh:
 - Online process from registration to disbursal of subsidy directly into the bank account of the residential consumer through National Portal.
 - Availability of collateral free loan from nationalized banks at concessional interest rate of repo-rate plus 50 bps i.e. 6% per annum for the present with tenure of 10 years.
 - Simplified the regulatory approval process by waiving technical feasibility requirement and introducing auto load enhancement upto 10 kW.
 - Included RESCO/ Utility led Aggregation (ULA) Models
 - Net metering agreement has been made part of application in the National Portal.
 - Simplified process for registration of vendors to ensure sufficient and qualified vendors are available.
 - Capacity building and training programmes being conducted for creating skilled manpower.
 - Creating awareness about the scheme, through awareness and outreach program such as print advertising in leading newspapers, TV commercials campaigns, Radio campaigns across FM stations including regional channels, etc., in the country.
 - Regular monitoring of the progress of the scheme at different levels including with states/DISCOMs.
 - Conducting regional review meetings.
 - Established grievance redressal mechanism for timely resolution of grievances. A Call Centre with telephone number 15555 is operational in 12 languages.
