

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 688
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2015

SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRY

688. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to boost manufacturing in the solar energy industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) the list of memorandum signed in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has signed any memoranda with the States, private players and other countries in this direction; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, the steps taken by the Government are as under :

- i. The Government has scaled up the target of Grid connected solar power capacity under National Solar Mission from 20,000 MW to 1,00,000 by 2022. This gives a long term visibility to the manufacturers to plan and scale up manufacturing facilities.
- ii. A provision of domestic content requirement has been made in various schemes to source cells and modules of domestic origin.
- iii. Concessional Customs Duty and Excise duty exemption is provided on input raw materials required for manufacturing of cells and modules.
- iv. Capital subsidy for manufacturers under Special Incentive Package Scheme (SIPS) & Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) is provided by Ministry of Information Technology.
- v. The Government has launched a scheme for setting up 25 solar parks in the country wherein land, will be made available for setting up manufacturing facilities along with solar power plants.

(c)&(d): No memorandum has been signed in this regard. However commitments aggregating to about 16.2 MW of manufacturing capacity have been received from private sector during the RE-INVEST 2015 organised by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

(e): Does not arise.
