GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3303 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2010 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES Khan Shri Hassan

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

(a) the total amount allocated in the Union Budget 2010-11 for Jammu and Kashmir including Ladakh to generate power through the new and renewable sources;

(b) whether the Government proposes to encourage private sector participation in setting up of the renewable energy projects in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY(DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a): State-wise allocations are not made for the renewable energy sector. However, the Government has approved a project entitled "Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative" at a total cost of Rs.473 crore with project duration of three and a half years. The project envisages setting up solar power and small hydro power projects to generate power and solar thermal systems to meet space/ water heating and cooking energy needs.

(b)&(c): The Union Government is already encouraging private sector participation in renewable power projects in the country including J&K, through various fiscal and financial incentives, such as, capital/ interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, nil/ concessional excise and customs duties. The Government of J&K has announced policy for private sector participation to set up SHP projects. It has allotted 12 no. SHP projects to the private sector, of which two projects of aggregate 17 MW capacity have already been completed.