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POWER SAVING IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a proposal under consideration of the Union Government to launch a pilot project for power saving in the agricultural sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the aforesaid proposal;
- (c) the names of the States selected for launching a pilot project for power saving in the agricultural sector;
- (d) whether the aforesaid project has been implemented in Maharashtra also;
- (e) if so, whether the Union Government had prepared detailed project reports of the short listed demand side management (DSM) projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the instruction issued by the Union Government for DSM?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The first pilot project was launched by Hon`ble Minister of Power in Solapur District of Maharashtra. Under this pilot project, as of date, 1150 pumps have been replaced in Solapur region under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The implementation is being done by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) under the guidance of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).

(c): Eleven Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been prepared in 8 States namely Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(d): Under the project in Maharashtra, 1150 pumps have already been replaced in Solapur Region.

(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): DPRs prepared in eight States have already been sent to the respective Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) for implementation and no instructions have been issued to DISCOMs by the Ministry of Power, Government of India.