

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government has assured the solar cell manufacturers that whatever capacities are available for domestic cell and modules in the country, adequate market would be made available so that they can not only run to full capacity but also ramp up the solar power production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per the policy document of JNNSM one of the mission objective is to take global leadership in the solar manufacturing (across the value chain) of leading edge solar technologies and target 4-5 GW equivalent of installed capacity by 2020.

The Government is encouraging domestic manufacturing by providing support to the cells and module manufacturers in various ways like :

i) extending exemption of Customs and Excise duty on inputs required for manufacturing of cells and modules in the current year budget presented in July 2014.

ii) reserving some quantities in procurement of solar power for projects where cells and modules made in India are used like 375 MW were reserved in Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme by Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) and 250 MW has been reserved by NTPC Ltd in their recent bidding.