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Title : Need for a review on the use of efficient technology under Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission to meet the energy needs of the people in the country.

SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY (MATHURA): Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission has set a goal of creating an enabling framework for deploying 20GW of solar power by 2022. It is vital for India to follow a low carbon intensity growth path to achieving energy sufficiency. The mission guidelines mandate the use of domestic content in modules in its first phase and photovoltaic cells in the second phase as well as 30% of components in case of Concentrated Solar Power. The domestic content policy is protectionist, will probably be challenged in international forums and can have the unintended consequence of impacting the exports from Indian manufacturers and limiting their innovation capabilities. An estimated 6.5 cr out of the 13.5 cr rural households in India do not have electricity connections. I urge the Government to prioritize and focus on the energy needs of the masses. We need access to the latest, most efficient technologies for ensuring their energy security, not subsidize an industry unable to compete.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 3.00 p.m.

**14.32 hrs**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fifteen of the Clock.*

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