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Title: Need o set up Solar Power corridor in Bellary Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka.

SHRI B. SRIRAMULU (BELLARY): With an average rainfall of 1152 mm for Karnataka, Bellary district gets an average of 638 mm rainfall. With inadequate irrigation facility and below average rainfall, the climate is not very conducive for agriculture as only 35 percent land is used for agriculture. Moreover, the plateau landscape does not offer much scope to the people of the region to pursue agriculture.

I would like to bring to the attention of the Government the announcement made by Shri Rajnath Singh Ji during the Lok Sabha campaign regarding bringing solar power Corridor to the region.

Large tracts of land remain idle and rainfall is very scanty, which offer great scope for solar power . Moreover, the high level and low level canal of the Tungabhadra Dam runs into around 400 kilometers on which the solar panels can be fitted for power generation with no requirement of additional land.

We are proud that our Government is giving priority on renewable source of energy, particularly the solar power. I would request the Government, particularly the Minister of Coal and Power to take cognizance of the need of my constituency for initiating solar power corridor for the development of the region.