

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019

SUBSIDY ON SOLAR ENERGY POWERED TUBEWELLS/WATERPUMPS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy on solar energy powered tubewells or water pumps across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total cost incurred to install one solar tubewell or water pump;
- (c) the details of the availability and disbursement of subsidies to the intended beneficiaries thereto, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand; and
- (d) the details of the share of Centre and State Governments thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) to (d) The Ministry has approved a New Scheme for Farmers which provides for installation of 17.5 lakh stand-alone solar water pumps for agriculture in the country under Component-B of the Scheme by 2022. As per provision of the Scheme Central Financial Assistance (CFA) up to 30% of the benchmark cost or the tender cost of the stand-alone solar pump whichever is lower, will be provided. However, in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Lakshadweep and A&N Islands, CFA will be up to 50% of the benchmark cost or tender cost, whichever is lower. The State Government will also give a subsidy of 30%.

The cost of solar water pump depends upon the size and type of the pump. As per benchmark cost issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for the year 2018-19, the cost of 5 HP AC solar water pump was Rs. 65,000 per HP for general category states.

The Scheme is demand driven and state-wise targets have not been fixed. Allocation of capacity to the States/UTs will be made on the basis of demand received from the States/UTs and target capacity available under the Scheme.
