## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-299

ANSWERED ON-15/09/2020

## REDUCTION OF IMPORTS OF SOLAR PANELS AND SOLAR CELLS FROM CHINA

299. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLEENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is taking any steps to reduce the import of solar cells and panels from China; and
- (b) whether there are any plans to manufacture solar cells and panels in India, if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY, POWER and MoS for SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

- (a) The Government has extended Safeguard Duty on import of solar PV cells and modules, including that from China, till 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.
- (b) Solar PV cells and panels are already being manufactured in the country. Various steps like schemes with Domestic Content Requirement (DCR); 'Preference to Make in India Order'; and tender for setting up of Solar PV Manufacturing Capacities in India linked with Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for Solar PV Power Plants have been taken for further augmenting the domestic manufacturing capacity of solar PV cells and panels/modules.

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