

## 36 Proposals shortlisted for Solar Charkha Mission

The Ministry of MSME has launched the Mission Solar Charkha for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country with a budget of Rs. 550 crore for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. The scheme is envisaged to generate direct employment for nearly one lakh persons. Solar Charkha units have been classified as Village Industries.

The scheme is being implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai. A total of 36 proposals have been shortlisted by KVIC from the proposals submitted by promoters agencies and they have been asked to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

Ministry of MSME and KVIC have been making all efforts to make the scheme popular by taking it up with State Governments. The Expression of Interest has been published twice in national newspapers to solicit response from interested parties.

This information was given by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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