A Regional Meeting

AGRICULTURE IN DISTRESS: IS SOLAR THE SOLUTION?

AUGUST 8 – 9, 2019
Aurangabad, Maharashtra

AGENDA

AUGUST 8, 2019
1.30 PM - 9.00 PM: Field Trip

AUGUST 9, 2019
8:30 – 9:00 AM: Registration

9:00 – 10:00 AM: Welcome address & Presentation: The solar-powered future of agriculture
Session Anchored by Chandra Bhushan, deputy director general, CSE

Presentation by Mandvi Singh, programme manager and Pratha Jhawar, deputy programme manager, renewable energy, CSE

Followed by Q&A

10:00 – 11:30 AM: India’s irrigation challenges and possible solutions
Moderator: Chandra Bhushan, CSE

Panelists

• H M Desarda, former member of State Planning Board and senior economist, Aurangabad
• D K Singh, principal scientist and professor, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
• Madhav Gholkar, manager-agriculture, Watershed Organisation Trust, Pune
• Rajesh Puranik, professor and head, Faculty of Social Science, Water and Land Management Institute, Aurangabad

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Release of Report by Chandra Bhushan and Vijay Anna Borade, agricultural expert, followed by Tea Break

12:00 – 1:30 PM: Is solar a solution? The way forward

Presentation topic: Agricultural energy demand and discom distress
Presentation by Mandvi Singh, programme manager, renewable energy, CSE
Moderator: Mandvi Singh, CSE

Panelists

• Deepak Tryambak Bornare, head of department and deputy director, Maharashtra Institute of Technology-Centre for Analytical Research and Studies, Aurangabad
• Vijay Anna Borade, agricultural expert, Aurangabad
• Abhishek Jain, Centre for Energy, Environment and Water, New Delhi

1:30 – 2:00 PM: Wrapping up

Addresses by

• V W Rode, general manager (solar), Maharashtra Energy Development Agency, Pune
• Chandra Bhushan, CSE

2:00 – 3:00 PM: Lunch