

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5125
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2010
SOLAR POWER PLANTS
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

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

(a) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to set up Solar Power Plants in the backward tribal areas of the North-Eastern Region, especially in the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD) in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to turn all the headquarters of Civil Sub-divisions and districts under BTAD in Assam into Solar Cities on the pattern of Solar Cities established in various cities and towns throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY(DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b): Government is implementing a programme to support setting up of solar photovoltaic systems and power plants in the country, including in the backward tribal areas of North-Eastern Region. Under this programme Ministry provides up to 90% of the project cost as Central Financial assistance for power plant projects in the North-Eastern States. The proposals are required to be submitted by the implementing agencies in a project mode for approval of the Ministry.

In addition, under the Remote Village Electrification (RVE) Programme up to 90% of the project cost is available as Central Financial Assistance for the installation of solar lighting systems in the unelectrified census villages and hamlets.

A total of 1,211 solar lanterns, 5,870 solar home lighting systems, 98 solar street lights, 15 solar pumps and 9 kWp capacity stand alone SPV power plants have been installed in the State of Assam. Under the RVE Programme projects have been sanctioned for electrification of 2,157 villages/ hamlets in Assam of which 866 have been completed.

No proposal has been received to set up solar power plant in BTAD, Assam.

(c)&(d): Under the programme on Development of Solar Cites. proposals are received from the concerned Municipal Corporation for consideration of the Ministry. Proposals have been received from Jorhat and Guwahati cities in Assam for which 'In Principle' approval has been communicated by the Ministry. No other proposal has been received from the State of Assam.