

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SOLAR MOBILE CHARGING STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance for setting up of solar mobile charging stations in 5000 villages through a project, Lighting a Billion Lives (LABL) by the Energy and Resources Institute;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of villages where such stations have been set up so far, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of villages where this facility is likely to be provided, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (c) An Agreement has been signed with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) on 29.04.2010 for provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Based Mobile Phone Charging Facilities (SMCFs) in 5000 Villages by augmenting Centralized Solar Charging Stations (CSCS) being provided by TERI under its Lighting a Billion Lives (LaBL) project.

The number of villages where SMCFs are likely to be provided and number of villages where SMCFs have been provided, State-wise, are given in Annexure-I & Annexure-II.