

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop various cities as solar cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria of selecting a city to be developed as solar city;
- (d) the details of fund sanctioned, released and utilized for the purpose; and
- (e) the number and names of cities which have started functioning as solar cities in the country, State-Wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Madam. Ministry proposes to develop 60 cities as solar cities. So far, based on proposals received by the Government from various States, 'in-principle' approval has been given to 48 cities to be developed as solar cities in the country. Out of these, sanctions have been given to 37 cities which have engaged consultants for preparation of Master Plans. The State-wise names of the Cities identified for developing as Solar Cities are given in Annexure.

(c): The criteria set by the Ministry for the identification of cities include a city population between 50,000 to 50 lakh (with relaxation given to special category States including North-East States), initiatives and regulatory measures already taken alongwith a high level of commitment in promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy.

(d): So far, an amount of Rs.17.23 crore has been sanctioned for 37 cities, of which Rs. 2.75 crore has been released for utilization by the concerned State Nodal Agencies/ Municipal Corporations.

(e): So far, the Master plans for 7 cities namely Agra, Moradabad from Uttar Pradesh, Thane & Kalyan-Dombivli from Maharashtra, Indore from Madhya Pradesh, Kohima from Nagaland and Aizawl from Mizoram have been finalized and the development of projects is in progress.