

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:145  
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SOLAR ENERGY IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide solar electricity through mini and micro grids to the rural and remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of villages selected under the scheme in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Rajasthan; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regards?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a),(b)&(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a),(b)&(c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 145 for 16.08.2013

(a): Under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, the Ministry provides a capital subsidy of 30% of the cost for installation of solar micro and mini grid systems limited to Rs. 105/- per Wp upto 10 kWp micro grid (DC) and Rs. 90/- per Wp for the systems having module capacity in the range of 10 kWp up to 250 kWp, in the rural and remote areas of the country.

(b)&(c): The Ministry has sanctioned to State Renewable Energy Development Agencies and other implementing agencies solar, PV mini/micro grid projects in 174 villages in five States during 2012-13. State/ UT wise details including Jharkhand and Rajasthan are given below :-

S.No.	Name of States	No. of Villages
1.	Bihar	12
2.	Jharkhand	8
3.	Madhya Pradesh	29
4.	Rajasthan	24
5.	Uttar Pradesh	101