

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

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PROMOTION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN VILLAGES

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

- (a) the details of villages and habitations in the country especially in Rajasthan where solar energy system has been set up, State-wise;
- (b) the norms prescribed to set up said solar energy system;
- (c) the details of feedback to achieve the target set in this regard;
- (d) whether the said system is installed free of cost; and
- (e) if so, whether village panchayats have to bear initial cost or its operational costs and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a): The state-wise details of number of villages and hamlets where Solar Energy System installed throughout the country is enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (b): Ministry provides 30% capital subsidy on Solar Energy Systems for the proposals received from states subject to availability of funds. IES and BIS standards are followed for setting up of solar energy systems.
- (c): There is no target fixed for the states in this regard. However states request for higher assistance and continuation of the programme.
- (d): No Madam.
- (e): No Madam. Since the schemes are beneficiary oriented, village panchayats do not have to bear initial cost or operational cost.