

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOLAR POWER PLANTS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring parity of solar power rates with that of power supplied by the national grid;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage the small-scale and household use of solar power on cheaper rates, as is being done by several other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): One of the aims of the National Solar Mission is to achieve grid parity by 2022. This is to happen through technological improvements, scaling up installation capacity, developing solar manufacturing capability, research and development, capacity building, private sector's participation etc. and not by the Government alone. However, the rate at which power is supplied by Distribution Companies is determined by State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) and varies from State to State.

(c)&(d): The Ministry is implementing Grid Connected Rooftop and Small Solar Power Plants Programme which provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) and support for awareness and capacity building to encourage the small-scale and household use of solar power.