

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

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SOLAR POWER IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to supply solar power to the border areas in the country which are yet to be electrified;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to supply solar power to the areas along Indo-Nepal border devoid of electrification;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to supply solar power to all such villages on Indo-Nepal border during the financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No Madam. Government does not have specific scheme for solar power to border areas of the country. However, the Ministry is promoting Off-grid and Decen- tralized Solar Application Programme throughout the country including border areas to promote lighting for un-electrified houses.

(c)&(d): The scheme is demand driven and the State Governments send the proposals as per their requi- rement and Ministry will consider such proposals based on availability of funds.