

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

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote renewable energy sources including solar energy and their proper use in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has released grants to some private companies for development of solar energy sources in Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, the total funds released to private companies as grants, district-wise;
- (d) whether some companies have not properly used the funds allocated for the said purpose;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the action take/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is promoting renewable energy including solar energy by providing various fiscal and financial incentives, such as capital/interest subsidy, generation based incentives, accelerated depreciation, concessional excise and customs duties. The other steps to promote renewable energy include; setting up of demonstration projects, preferential tariff for purchase of power generated from renewable sources, resource assessment development of power evacuation and testing facilities, introduction of Renewable Energy Certificates and Renewable Purchase Obligation etc. Wide publicity and awareness raising on the benefits of renewable energy systems have also been taken up in Hindi, English and regional languages using print, electronic and outdoor media.
- (b): No general grants have been released. Incentives/subsidies are provided as per scheme guidelines.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): Does not arise.