

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

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INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to install solar power plants in the Government owned coal and oil producing companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether setting up of new and renewable energy projects are included in their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) portfolio or it is entirely to reduce costs and get a reliable power supply; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is encouraging all Government owned companies including coal and oil producing companies to install solar power plants. The Ministry provides 30% capital subsidy which ranges from Rs.27/-per watt peak to Rs.63/-per watt peak (depending on configuration and capacity) for installation of solar photovoltaic power plants to various beneficiaries including Government owned coal and oil producing companies, under Off-grid and decentralized solar applications scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission. The detail of the Solar Power Plants for which Ministry has provided Central Financial Assistance is given in Annexure.

(c)&(d): Yes, taking up projects for "Promotion of Renewable Sources of Energy" is included in their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) portfolio.

As per the "Guidelines on Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability for Central Public Sector Enterprises", under CSR activities, companies may select projects from a vast range of Projects / activities including projects for "Environment Sustainability" like projects based on "Renewable Energy Technologies".