

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

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CAPACITY OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the capacity of renewable energy in the rural areas where the Government has got wider social impact;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a need to accord the status of priority sector to this sector in order to make it capable of getting funds at a low cost; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing various schemes / programmes, throughout the country including rural areas, for the development and augmentation of renewable energy capacity. Details of these schemes/programmes are given at Annexure.

(c)&(d): The Reserve Bank of India vide para-6.5 of Circular No. RPCD.CO.Plan.BC 10/04.09.01/2014-15 dated July 1st 2014 have issued instructions to all Scheduled Commercial Banks that the loans sanctioned by banks directly to individuals for setting up off-grid solar and other off-grid renewable energy solutions for households will be covered under Priority Sector Lending.