

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up 15000 MW grid solar power projects through National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) under the National Solar Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has finalised the locations for setting up of these Solar Power projects; and
- (d) if so, the locations thereof along with the capacity of these solar plants?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Government has approved the implementation of project for setting up of 15,000 MW of grid-connected solar PV power plants through NTPC Limited/ NTPC VidyutVyapar Nigam Limited under National Solar Mission in three tranches as follows:

- (i) Tranche-I : 3,000 MW : 2014-15 to 2016-17
- (ii) Tranche-II : 5,000 MW: 2015-16 to 2017-18
- (iii) Tranche-III : 7,000 MW: 2016-17 to 2018-19

In Tranche-I, 3000 MW capacity of solar PV power plants will be set up through bundling of solar power (3000 MW) with unallocated quota of thermal power (1500 MW). The modalities for Tranches-II & III have not been finalized.

(c)&(d): Some capacity out of the 3000 MW under Tranche-I would be set up in Solar Parks being set up in States of Andhra Pradesh (1000 MW, Kurnool District), Karnataka (330 MW, Tumkur District) and Rajasthan (500 MW, Jodhpur District). However, other projects may be set up in locations outside the solar parks as well.