

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched any project for the installation of solar water pumps in villages across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of solar water pumps installed so far, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated by the Union Government for this project so far, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the details of the number of villages proposed to be covered under the project during the next five years?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Madam, the Government of India has proposed a programme for installation of one lakh solar pumps for irrigation and drinking water purposes across the country.

A total number of 11626 solar pumps have already been installed in the various parts of the country till 31/03/2014. The State/UT wise-details are given in Annexure-I

(c): The Ministry does not allocate funds State/UT wise. The Ministry sanctions the project as per the proposals received from State/UTs. The details of sanctioned amount for solar pumps under "Off grid and Decentralized Solar Applications" scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, to various State/UTs are given in Annexure-II

(d): The Ministry is planning to provide Central Financial Assistance to one lakh beneficiaries for installation of solar pumps in the various parts for the country including villages, for irrigation and drinking water purposes, depending upon availability of funds and requirement of the pumps from the State/ UTs.