

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

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SETTING UP OF SOLAR VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up "Solar Villages" in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for the same;
- (c) whether any budgetary allocation has been made for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether such Solar Villages are proposed to be set up through Public Private Partnership participation and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No Madam. There is no specific provision in schemes being implemented by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for setting up "Solar Villages" in the country. However, use of solar energy is being encouraged in villages.
- (b): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing Remote Village Electrification (RVE) Programme for providing financial support for lighting/basic electrification in those remote unelectrified census villages and unelectrified hamlets of electrified census villages where grid extension is not found feasible by the State Governments and hence are not covered under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). Such villages are provided basic facilities for lighting/electricity through various renewable energy sources including solar energy.
- (c)&(d): Under the RVE programme, Rs 14.00 Crore has been allocated for the year 2014-15. State/UT wise budget is not allocated under the RVE programme.
- (e): No such proposal is under consideration.