

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:379
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SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of subsidy granted for solar energy products along with the number of solar energy products produced/sold by the public sector and private sector during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that people living in unelectrified villages are being deprived of the subsidy benefits on account of non-availability of such products in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the promotion of solar energy products in the country particularly in the villages having no conventional electric connections?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 379 for 18.12.2014

(a): The details of state-wise installation of SPV Systems during last three years and current year are given in Annexure I and funds released during this period are given in Annexure II.

(b)&(c): Solar based products for lighting and small power plant are being sold in the market by various private agencies at their own level without any govt. subsidy. People living in unelectrified villages are free to purchase from various sources as per their requirement. As the demand is high, all products sold in the market cannot be subsidized.

(d): The Ministry is organizing awareness and capacity building programmes exhibitions, giving out printed material, giving advertisements through various types of media like print media, radio etc. for promotion of Solar Energy Systems in the various parts of the country including rural areas. The Ministry provides 30% capital subsidy to the various categories of beneficiaries in order to bring down cost and popularize solar products.