

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1812
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019**

Drinking Water through Solar Pumps

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether supply of drinking water is proposed to be ensured in the remote villages of West Bengal with the assistance of solar pumps and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to set up solar pumps in the State and if so, the details thereof including the number of solar pumps already set up;
- (c) whether selection of villages has been done under Grameen Nal Jal Praday Yojana and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to release the funds for completion of the infrastructure for this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (d) Water is a State subject. This department is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide financial and technical assistance to States for providing Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to rural households. Under JJM, responsibility for implementation of drinking water scheme lies with the State government. States are free to select and plan the rural water supply schemes. The ultimate goal of JJM is to provide FHTCs to rural households. States may take up solar pump based drinking water supply schemes for providing FHTCs in the remote rural areas, if required. As reported by the West Bengal Government in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, 699 solar pumps have been installed till 2018-19, under assistance of National Clean Energy Fund. As per information provided by Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), 653 solar pumps have been installed in the State of West Bengal as on 31.10.2019 for irrigation and drinking water purposes, under Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications Programmes of MNRE.
