

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2939**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016

**DEVELOPMENT OF AURANGABAD AS A SOLAR CITY**

2939. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to develop Aurangabad in Maharashtra as a solar city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether funds have been earmarked for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) what would be the role of private sector in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL , NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY & MINES  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

**(a)& (b):** Yes Sir. Under the 'Development of Solar Cities Programme' of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Aurangabad in Maharashtra has been identified to develop as a solar city.

**(c)& (d):** Yes Sir. An amount of Rs. 50 lakh has been sanctioned for preparation of master plans, solar city cells and promotional activities.

**(e):** Private sector is expected to play an important role in preparation of master plans, promotional activities and installation of renewable energy projects in the solar city.

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