

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3588**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2017

**LOCAL AND IMPORTED SILICON USED FOR SOLAR POWER SECTOR**

3588. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

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

- (a) the quantity of locally produced and imported Silicon being used in solar power sector, the details thereof;
- (b) the rate of locally produced and imported Silicon; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to promote the usage of locally produced Silicon during the last three years and the amount spent thereon?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b):** As per the information available with the Ministry, the quantity of poly-silicon (locally produced or imported) used in solar power sector is Nil, since there is no manufacturing facility for Silicon Wafers in India. Indian Solar Cell Manufacturers import Silicon Wafers from global sources.

**(c):** Since there is no local production of Silicon on commercial level, therefore, question of promoting the usage of locally produced Silicon does not arise.

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