

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2410  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018)

**SOLAR POWER PLANTS AT AIRPORTS**

2410. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a): whether it is a fact that Government is setting up solar power plants in airports across the country to meet their power needs;
- (b): the number of airports which have been selected in the first phase of establishment of solar plants;
- (c): whether it is also a fact that a great delay is taking place in the process of establishment of solar plants at these airports; the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d): the steps being taken to resolve their problems?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): Airports Authority of India (AAI) is installing solar power plants at various airports for its captive power requirement based on the capacity permissible under Net-Metering policy of the respective states and depending upon the technical feasibility.
- (b): AAI has installed solar power plants at 35 airports/buildings having cumulative capacity of 30.43 MWp.
- (c): Delay in setting up of the solar power plant is mainly attributed to various clearances from the regulatory authorities for utilizing land in the operational area of the airport, delay in permission from DISCOM for grid connectivity and non-extension of Net-Metering facility for the ground mounted solar power plants.
- (d): AAI have taken up the matter with State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC), DISCOM and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for setting up of ground mounted solar power plants.

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