

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2018

PENETRATION OF CLEAN ENERGY SCHEMES IN RURAL AREAS

131. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the people of rural areas are not getting the benefits of the schemes being run by Government for the use of renewable energy, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) if not, the schemes being run by Government in rural areas to promote the use of solar energy, the details thereof; and
- (c) the levels at which these schemes are being run in rural areas, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER (I/C)
(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The Off-grid and Decentralised Solar PV Applications Programme of this Ministry aims at promoting use of solar energy in the country including rural areas.

At present, the Phase-III of the Programme, for which approval was issued on 7 August 2018 covers installation of (i) 3,00,000 solar street lights; (ii) solar power plants of individual size up to 25 kWp and total aggregated capacity of 100 MWp for providing electricity to schools, hostels, panchayats, police stations and other public service institutions; and (iii) distribution of 25,00,000 solar study lamps to school going children in North Eastern States and LWE affected districts.

In addition, Scheme for distribution of 70 lakh solar study lamps is also being implemented in five States namely Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh, wherein school going children are being provided with solar study lamps.
