

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1571**  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022

**ATAL JYOTI YOJANA (AJAY)**

1571. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY

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

- (a) whether Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) which provides for installation of solar street lights in remote, rural and semi-urban areas of the country was discontinued in April 2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) whether a part of MPLADS Fund is also used under this scheme;
- (c) whether Ministry is considering to restart AJAY in view of MPLAD Scheme being restored and pandemic under control;
- (d) targets and achievements under AJAY Phase-I and II, State-wise; and
- (e) estimated street lights in the country to be replaced with solar street lights, State-wise and how many of them have so far been replaced?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER**

**(SHRI R.K. SINGH)**

(a)&(b) The Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) provides for installation of solar street lights (SSLs) with 75% fund contribution from central Government and balance 25% fund contribution from MPLADS Fund.

Due to outbreak of COVID-19, the Government had decided not to operate MPLADS Fund for two years i.e. for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. As AJAY Scheme was partially funded through MPLADS, the Scheme was discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2020 for new sanctions.

(c) Presently, there is no proposal to continue AJAY, however, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has circulated an EFC proposal for a scheme covering installation of Solar Street Lights including with contribution under the MPLADS fund.

(d) Under AJAY Ph-I, against sanctions issued by respective districts for utilisation of MPLADS Fund for installation of 1,45,007 solar street lights, the implementing agency EESL has reported installation of 1,35,393 solar street lights. Similarly, under AJAY Ph-II against sanction of 1,50,026 solar street lights total 1,37,226 solar street lights are reported installed. State-wise details are given at **Annexure**.

(e) Presently, Ministry is not implementing any scheme for replacement of existing grid connected street lights with solar street lights.

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Annexure referred in reply to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha unstarred question no. 1571 for 20.12.2022

**Solar street lights (SSLs) sanctioned and installed under AJAY Ph-I and Ph-II**

S. No	State/UT	AJAY Ph-I		AJAY Ph-II	
		SSLs Sanctioned by District authorities under MPLADS Fund (Nos.)	Installation reported	SSLs Sanctioned by District authorities under MPLADS Fund (Nos.)	Installation reported
1	Uttar Pradesh	86,032	79,543	44169	40,948
2	Bihar	31,559	29,923	25,107	23,822
3	Jharkhand	10,942	10,535	3500	3,500
4	Odisha	9,065	8,733	5998	4,498
5	Assam	7,409	6,659	7,005	6,495
6	Manipur	0	0	2,000	1,500
7	Tripura	0	0	4,000	4,000
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	2,500	800
9	Uttarakhand	0	0	9898	8,450
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	6000	6,000
11	Tamil Nadu	0	0	2000	2,000
12	Telangana	0	0	500	500
13	Maharashtra	0	0	1,000	0
14	Lakshadweep	0	0	2,000	2,000
15	Chhattisgarh	0	0	2,499	2,499
16	Gujarat	0	0	3,000	3,000
17	Karnataka	0	0	3,000	3,000
18	West Bengal	0	0	10000	9,477
19	Punjab	0	0	1,000	1,000
20	Rajasthan	0	0	2350	2,262
21	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	5,500	5,500
22	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	7,000	5,975
<b>Total</b>		<b>145007</b>	<b>135393</b>	<b>150026</b>	<b>137226</b>