

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 216**  
ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023

**SOLAR CITIES**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing any scheme for providing solar lights in home and street, and setting up of solar cities, in the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with number of beneficiaries, district-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 216  
to be answered on 21.03.2023 regarding *Solar cities***

(a) to (c) Presently, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is not implementing any scheme for providing solar lights in homes and streets in the country.

MNRE has requested all States/Union Territories, including the state of Tamil Nadu, to select at least one city to be developed as a solar city. A concept note on developing solar cities was circulated to the States/UTs with a request to finalise an action plan for the development of the cities identified to be solar cities and implement the plan in a time-bound manner. There is no separate fund allocation for the solar city programme and the funds available under the different existing schemes are to be converged for the development of solar cities.

So far, 27 States/UTs have identified solar cities in their respective States/UTs and the list is placed as **Annexure**. The state of Tamil Nadu is yet to identify the city to be developed as solar city.

**Annexure referred in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Raj Sabha Starred question no. 216 to be answered on 21.03.2023.**

**Solar City identified by respective State/UT**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Identified Solar City</b>	<b>State/UT</b>
1	Majuli	Assam
2	Bodh Gaya	Bihar
3	Rajgir	Bihar
4	Vaishali	Bihar
5	New Raipur	Chhattisgarh
6	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
7	NDMC	Delhi
8	Dwarka	Gujarat
9	Panchkula	Haryana
10	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
11	Giridih	Jharkhand
12	Bidar	Karnataka
13	Hospet in Bellary	Karnataka
14	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
15	Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh
16	TURA Town of West Garo Hills	Meghalaya
17	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
18	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan
19	Pushkar	Rajasthan
20	Ayodhya	Uttar Pradesh
21	Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh
22	Dehradun	Uttarakhand
23	Prantik in Birbhum, Shantiniketan	West Bengal
24	Shaheed Dweep	Andaman and Nicobar
25	Amritsar	Punjab
26	Jorethang	Sikkim
27	Udaipur Town	Tripura
28	Saitual	Mizoram
29	Diu city	DNH and DD
30	Damanwada Panchayat	DNH and DD
31	Panjim	Goa
32	Dimapur	Nagaland
33	Kohima	Nagaland
34	Jammu	Jammu and Kashmir