

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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OBJECTIVES OF AJAY SCHEME

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY);
- (b) the performance of AJAY Phase-I and Phase-II with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether it is a fact that no district has been identified in Phase I and only two districts have been covered in Phase-II of AJAY in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government is going to cover the remaining districts in Andhra Pradesh under Phase-II or under Phase-III which is going to be launched soon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) The main objective of Atal Jyoti Yojna (AJAY) was to provide Solar Street Lighting Systems for public use at different locations for improvement in quality of life, safety and security through better lighting in public areas.

(b) to (d) Under Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) Phase-I, against the sanctions issued by respective District Magistrates (DMs) for installation of around 1.45 lakh solar street lights (SSLs), by utilising MPLADS Fund, a total of around 1.35 lakh SSLs could be installed in the country. Similarly, under AJAY Phase-II against the total sanctions issued for around 1.50 lakh SSLs, a total of around 1.37 lakh SSLs were reported installed in the country.

As per the approved framework, the State of Andhra Pradesh was not covered under AJAY Phase-I. Under AJAY Phase-II, all the three Aspirational Districts of the State were covered. Based on sanctions received from respective DMs of two aspirational districts, namely Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam, for installation of total 5500 solar street lights (SSLs) in these districts, all the 5500 SSLs were reported installed.

(e) While AJAY Phase-II was closed on 31.3.2020 for new sanctions, there is no proposal to launch Phase-III of AJAY.
