

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

631. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA

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

- (a) whether Government has identified Bidar and Hospet to be developed as Solar Cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of facilities provided in the above solar cities;
- (d) whether there are any plans to identify more solar cities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether it is a fact that 500MW capacity solar park is approved at Kalaburgi;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the expected date of commissioning of the project;
- (h) the reasons for delay, if any?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Government of Karnataka has identified Bidar and Hospet city to be developed as solar cities.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has requested each State /Union Territory to select at least one city to be developed as solar city. A concept note on developing solar city was circulated to the States/UTs with a request to finalize an action plan for development of the cities as identified as solar cities and implement the plan in a time-bound manner. There is no separate scheme being implemented for development of solar cities and States/UTs have been advised to implement existing schemes of Government such as Rooftop Solar Programme Phase-II, etc., for development of solar cities. So far, 27 States/UTs have identified solar cities in their respective States/UTs.

(f) A Solar Park of 500 MW capacity has been sanctioned on 26.04.2021 at Kalaburgi in Karnataka on the request of the State Government.

(g) & (h) Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited is the Solar Power Park Developer for the 500 MW Kalaburgi Solar Park. The State Government has made a request on 07.06.2023 to change the location of this Solar Park to Bidar, citing evacuation constraints.
