

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 301**  
ANSWERED ON 04/02/2025

**DEVELOPING SOLAR CITIES IN THE COUNTRY**

301. SHRI ADITYA PRASAD

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

- (a) whether Government is running any special scheme to develop various cities of the country as Solar Cities;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the said scheme;
- (c) the city selected for developing as Solar City in Jharkhand and the progress made so far in this direction; and
- (d) the details of financial and technical assistance provided by Government to State Governments and municipal bodies for the development of solar cities?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (d) Presently, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is not implementing any special scheme to develop various cities of the country as Solar Cities.

However, the Ministry has requested all States /UTs 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 finalise an action plan for development of the cities identified as solar cities and implement the plan in a time bound manner.

The Government of Jharkhand has identified Giridih city to be developed as solar city. The state has planned total solar capacity addition of 41 MW for the Giridih solar city through installation of rooftop solar, ground mounted solar and solar street lights. The state has reported installation of aggregated capacity of 10.14 MW rooftop solar in the residential sector and installation of 10,500 solar street lights under the Giridih solar city programme.

There is no separate fund allocation by the Ministry for solar city programme and funds available under the different existing schemes can be utilized for development of solar cities.

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