

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2124
TO BE ANSWERED ON-08.03.2018
ACCESS TO SOLAR MICROGRIDS

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

(a) the number of villages which have access to solar microgrids and its impact on boosting economic activities in these villages; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to expand the capacity of solar microgrids?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER (I/C)
(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) So far solar micro grids of 1899 kWp aggregated capacity have been installed in 63 villages of the country with financial support from the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

Solar micro-grids provide better livelihood opportunities to the population living in remote villages through increased productive man-hours, thereby having positive impact on economic activities in these villages.

(b) Under the Solar Off-grid and Decentralized Applications Programme, the Ministry provided financial support up to 30% of the cost of microgrid systems for installation in the rural areas of the country.
