

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2426
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

RAILWAY STATIONS POWERED BY SOLAR ENERGY

†2426. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide solar generated electricity to all railway stations of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose across the country including Chhattisgarh; and**
- (d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) No, Madam. Indian Railways does not have present plans to provide solar panels at all the Railway Stations, as it is decided on the technical feasibility. Indian Railways has plans to progressively provide solar generated electricity to many of the Railway stations by providing rooftop solar panels. Indian Railways has plans to provide 500 MW rooftop solar plants by 2021-22. Most of this work is being done in PPP mode (Developer Mode) in which Railways does not have to incur capital expenditure and tariff based bidding is a deciding criteria for selecting the developer. Hence, no separate funds have been allocated for this purpose, across the country, including Chhattisgarh.
