

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3756  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

**Hydro Panels to Improve Drinking Water Infrastructure**

**3756. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes/prefers to increase the allocation for installation of solar hydro panels to improve drinking water infrastructure in Odisha ;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**  
**(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

- (a) to (c) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation supplements the efforts of the State including Odisha for improving the coverage of rural habitations for providing safe drinking water supply through technical and financial assistance under centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP). Under NRDWP with the assistance of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), a provision was made for installation of 2000 Solar Dual Pumps for piped drinking water supply in Odisha and as reported by the States, entire target has been met. As reported by MNRE, they are not considering any such proposal further. However, States are free to take more numbers of such schemes under NRDWP.