

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 297
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

FIRST SOLAR POWERED STATION

**†297. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

- (a) whether Guwahati railway station has become the first solar powered railway station;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to convert railway stations of Jharkhand also to solar powered stations;**
- (c) if so, the targets set by the Government in this regard; and**
- (d) the approximate yearly expenditure of railways on diesel and electricity?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) No, Madam.**
- (b) & (c) Action has been taken to convert major stations of Jharkhand State into solar powered stations. Till date, following stations in Jharkhand have been converted into partly solar powered railway stations:**
 - i) Tatanagar – 350 Kilo Watt Peak (kWp)**
 - ii) Chakradharpur – 40 kWp**
 - iii) Rajkarsawan – 2 kWp**

Further, Dhanbad and Gomoh Railway Stations will be

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partially powered by solar plant of 641.365 kWp capacity including hospital and workshop and this work is targeted to be completed by 2018-19.

(d) Expenditure on diesel is ₹ 17070 Cr. & ₹ 17959 Cr. in the year 2016-17 & 2017-18 respectively and expenditure on electricity is ₹ 11263 Cr. & ₹ 11894 Cr. in the year 2016-17 & 2017-18 respectively.
