

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3913
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

SETTING UP OF SOLAR POWER PROJECTS

**†3913. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up solar power projects on unused land of Railways;**
- (b) if so, the district-wise details thereof including Sikar, Jalore and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan and Latur district of Maharashtra;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take land from farmers on lease which are lying unused due to lack of water to set up solar power projects;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the details of time limit prescribed to set up such projects?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3913 BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI, SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE AND SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2019 REGARDING SETTING UP OF SOLAR POWER PROJECTS

(a) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways has plans to set up 500 Mega Watt (MW) of land based Solar plants, including those on its unused land.

(b) The district-wise details of the plants planned/setup so far is as follows:

District	Capacity (MW)	Status
Rae-bareli	3	Commissioned in Modern Coach Factory, Rae-bareli.
Bhopal	1.7	Being setup at Sukhi-Sewania by West Central Railway (WCR) through Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).
Panipat	2	Being setup at Diwana by Northern Railway (NR) through Railway Energy Management Company (REMCL).
Bhilai	50	Being setup at Bhilai by Southeast Central Railway (SECR) through Railway Energy Management Company (REMCL).

There are no specific plans, as of now, for setting up of land based Solar power plants at Sikar, Jalore and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan and Latur district of Maharashtra.

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(c) and (d) No, Sir. This decision is based on overall feasibility, cost effectiveness and viability, especially considering that Railway has its own unused lands.

(e) The timeline for each project would depend upon the individual plant capacity and power evacuation plan.
