

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2738**  
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

**ATAL JYOTI YOJANA**

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

- (a) the date on which the Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) was launched by the Government in the country along with the objectives of the said yojana;
- (b) whether the execution of works under AJAY has been done in accordance with the targets set in this regard;
- (c) if so, the percentage of districts and villages/towns in various States/UTs of the country including Chhattisgarh wherein solar street lights have been installed or benefit of solar energy have been provided to farmers; and
- (d) the number of districts and villages/towns of Chhattisgarh wherein the said facility has not been provided till date and the time by which it is likely to be provided?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER**

**(SHRI R.K. SINGH)**

(a) to (d) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) on 20.09.2016, with the main objective to provide Solar Street Lighting Systems for public use at different locations for improvement in quality of life, safety and security.

Under AJAY Phase-I, the Parliament Constituencies of the states of Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh were covered. Subsequently, Phase -II of AJAY was launched in December, 2018. Coverage of AJAY Phase -II included Parliament Constituencies of the states covered in AJAY Phase-I, Hill States/UTs, North-Eastern States, Island UTs and aspirational district not covered in above mentioned States/UTs. The AJAY Phase-II was closed in April 2020.

In the AJAY Phase-I, over 1.35 lakh solar street lights were installed against sanction of around 1.45 lakh lights. Under AJAY Phase-II over 1.37 lakh solar street lights have been reported installed against sanction of around 1.50 lakh lights.

The ten aspirational districts of the state of Chhattisgarh namely Korba, Mahasamund, Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Sukma, Kanker and Rajnandgaon were covered under AJAY Phase-II, of which solar street lights have been installed in Kondagaon, Kanker and Rajnandgaon districts.

The State/UT-wise number of solar street lights installed under AJAY Phase-I & Phase-II along with districts covered is given at **Annexure**.

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**Annexure referred in reply to Part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2738 for answer on 16.03.2023**

**Solar street lights (SSLs) installed under AJAY Phase-I and Phase-II**

S. No.	State/UT	AJAY Phase-I		AJAY Phase-II	
		SSLs installed	No. of Districts covered	SSLs installed	No. of Districts covered
1	Uttar Pradesh	79,543	56	40,948	51
2	Bihar	29,923	25	23,822	31
3	Jharkhand	10,535	10	3,500	4
4	Odisha	8,733	9	4,498	8
5	Assam	6,659	7	6,495	10
6	Manipur	-	-	1,500	1
7	Tripura	-	-	4,000	2
8	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	800	2
9	Uttarakhand	-	-	8,450	8
10	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	6,000	4
11	Tamil Nadu	-	-	2,000	1
12	Telangana	-	-	500	1
13	Lakshadweep	-	-	2,000	1
14	Chhattisgarh	-	-	2,499	3
15	Gujarat	-	-	3,000	2
16	Karnataka	-	-	3,000	2
17	West Bengal	-	-	9,477	5
18	Punjab	-	-	1,000	1
19	Rajasthan	-	-	2,262	3
20	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	5,500	2
21	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	5,975	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,35,393</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,37,226</b>	<b>150</b>