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LOK SABHA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GREEN CITY PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh as a green city;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of the green city project
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to develop any city as a green city;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (e) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) had given approval for developing Vijayawada as solar city in 2011 under the scheme “Development of Solar Cities Programme”. However, this scheme was closed in 2017.

In July 2020, MNRE requested each State /Union Territory to select at-least one city to be developed as Solar City. A concept note on developing Solar City was circulated to the States/UTs with a request to finalise an action plan for development of the cities as identified as solar cities and implement the plan in a time bound manner. There is no separate fund allocation for Solar City programme and the funds available under the different existing schemes are to be utilized for development of solar cities.

So far, 27 States/UTs have identified solar cities in their respective States/UTs. No information has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding solar city nomination under the current Solar City programme.
