

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4061
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY UNDER MPLAD SCHEME

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to increase the number and scope of renewable energy technologies to be recommended under the umbrella of MPLAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

(b) whether keeping in view the above proposals, MPLAD fund will be enhanced as per the recommendation of Committee for MPLAD and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether solar energy technologies are being funded through MPLAD scheme in the current year and if so, the details thereof, technology and State- wise;

(d) whether the Government plans to include the development of solar village in the scope of MPLAD scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
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(a) to (e) The guidelines on Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) provides for creation of durable

community assets based on the locally felt needs which also includes non-conventional renewable energy systems/ devices, solar lighting systems, battery operated buses for government agencies and ‘Gobar gas plant’ for community use etc. The list of items permissible under MPLADS, which is not exhaustive but indicative, is available at Annexure IV E of Guidelines on MPLADS. At present there is no such proposal to include “Development of Solar Village” as a specific item in the said list. However, The MPLADS guidelines are amended from time to time to include works as per locally felt needs of the community and in line with advancements in technology etc.

It is the prerogative of the Member of Parliament to recommend developmental works within the constituency in respect of any item, listed in Annexure IV-E, without any financial ceiling subject to fulfilling other provisions of the guidelines on MPLADS. Accordingly, question of enhancement of funds for the purpose may not arise.
