GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1573 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021

SETTING UP OF SOLAR PANELS PLANTS

†1573. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the Government proposes/has any proposal to set up solar panels/plants on a large scale at all the railway stations of Madhya Pradesh which will be capable of generating electricity through wind besides solar energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised in respect of the said scheme; and
- (d) the time limit fixed for setting up of solar panels/plants?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1573 BY SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING SETTING UP OF SOLAR PANELS PLANTS

- (a) and (b) Indian Railways (IR) provides solar plants at Railway stations based on the technical feasibility and viability. Action has been taken to provide major stations of Madhya Pradesh State with solar panels/plants. Till date, 79 number of feasible stations have already been provided with solar panels/plants in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Presently, there is no proposal to set up hybrid wind/solar plants which will be capable of generating electricity through wind, besides solar energy. Further, IR has plans to progressively provide solar panels/plants at other feasible Railway stations of Madhya Pradesh.
- (c) Most of the works are being done under developer mode by private partners, in which Railways do not have to incur capital expenditure.
- (d) The timeline for setting up of solar plants would depend upon the individual plant capacity, location and clearance from the State authorities.
