

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3182
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INTEGRATION OF AJAY WITH UJALA PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether there has been any proposal to integrate the Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) with the LED retrofitting programme Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LED for All (UJALA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for shutting down Phase-II of the AJAY;
- (d) whether the Government has carried out any assessment to measure the impact on the “luminosity” of underserved regions being serviced under AJAY using night lights satellite Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) data by NASA; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a)&(b) No such proposal is currently under consideration with the Government.

(c) Due to outbreak of COVID-19, the Government had decided not to operate Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years i.e. for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. As AJAY Phase-II Scheme was partially funded through MPLADS, the Scheme was also closed w.e.f. 01.04.2020 for new sanctions.

(d) & (e) No such assessment has been carried out. However, third party evaluation cum impact assessment of AJAY was conducted, which has reported that people were satisfied with the better illumination levels provided by solar street lights under AJAY.
