

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4143
ANSWERED ON 26/03/2025

ATAL JYOTI YOJANA

4143. SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE

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

- (a) the details and the names of States covered under Atal Jyoti Yojana including Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (b) the funds spent in each district under the said plan during the last three years, State-wise and district-wise for Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to install solar lights in Amaravati district of Maharashtra under the said Yojana;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the said purpose; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (e) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched initial phase of Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) in September 2016. 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, states of North-East Region, Island UTs and aspirational districts not covered in the above-mentioned States/UTs. Accordingly, the four aspirational districts namely, Nandurbar, Gadchiroli, Washim and Osmanabad of the state of Maharashtra were covered under AJAY Phase-II.

Due to outbreak of COVID-19, the Government had suspended MPLADS Fund for two years i.e. for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 and accordingly, the AJAY Phase-II, which was partially funded through MPLADS Fund, was discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2020 for new sanctions. Under AJAY Scheme no funds were released by MNRE to the implementing agency EESL during the last three years i.e. from 2021-22 to 2023-24.
