GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3198

TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2016

ELECTRICITY TO RAILWAY STATIONS BY SOLAR ENERGY

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to make the electricity available to all the railway stations through solar energy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated by the Government to all the States including Haryana under this project, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL , NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY & MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): In order to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, Ministry of Railways has planned to harness 1000 MW of solar power through developer mode by putting up solar plants on Railway buildings/ stations and through land based plants across the country.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Railways for cooperation in the areas of renewable energy. MNRE has sanctioned/approved subsidy/incentives for aggregate 500 MWp capacity to Ministry of Railways with as estimated Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 600 Crore for Grid connected solar rooftop systems. MNRE has not made any State-wise allocation under the 500 MW project sanctioned to Indian Railways.
