

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4373
ANSWERED ON 20/08/2025
DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR PARKS

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

- (a) whether the current solar policy disproportionately places Rajasthan's desert ecology under environmental stress to meet national solar targets and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has considered a fairer geographical redistribution of solar parks across other States with lower ecological fragility, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Rajasthan-specific ecological carrying capacity study has ever been conducted before solar expansion and if so, the details of key findings thereof; and
- (d) whether this model of energy expansion violates principles of equitable federalism and burden-sharing and if so, details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

- (a) As per the inputs received from Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL), the Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy, 2024 is promoting overall development of renewable energy in the state including solar energy, in line with the national target.
- (b) Under the scheme for "Development of Solar Parks and Ultra-Mega Solar Power Projects", the Solar Parks have been sanctioned in 13 states based on the proposals submitted by the State Governments, including identification of sites for the Solar Parks across the country.
- (c) As per inputs received from RRECL, no comprehensive Rajasthan-specific ecological carrying capacity study has been conducted for solar expansion.
- (d) The development of solar projects is dependent on the availability of solar resources at a particular location. The solar project developers select the project sites based on technical and financial feasibility of the projects.
