

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the ongoing solar power projects in the villages across the country and the financial aid given to them, state/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has provided solar lamps free of cost to the BPL families and the others in the villages; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent on it and the number of families which were given solar lamps, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Under Off-grid Solar PV programme of the Ministry, the state-wise details of number of villages where ongoing Solar Power Projects with extended distribution network, are given below:-

Sl.No.	States	No. of Villages	sanctioned CFA (Rs. In lakhs)
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1.	West Bengal	10	118.00
2.	Jharkhand	04	30.23
3.	Uttar Pradesh	70	1290.24
	Total	84	1438.47

(b): The Ministry does not provide Solar Lamps free of cost to BPL families and others in the villages under Off-grid Solar PV programme. However, in case of natural calamity the Ministry may consider distribution of Solar Lanterns at free of cost to the affected people.

(c): The Ministry has earlier provided solar lanterns free of cost in several occasions whenever natural calamities like cyclones, earth quakes, Tsunami affected people. In recent years, the Ministry provided solar lanterns to the cyclone affected people in Andhra Pradesh, flood affected people in J&K, Uttrakhand, and Himachal Pradesh. The state-wise details of number of solar lanterns sanctioned for free of cost distribution is given below:-

Number of States	Number of Lanterns	Amt. sanctioned in Crores
Andhra Pradesh	10,000	1.71
Jammu & Kashmir	10,000	1.71
Uttrakhand	20,000	4.32
Himachal Pradesh	10,000	2.49