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Atal Jyoti Yojana

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Why is in news? ATAL JYOTI YOJANA – 2.72 Lakh Solar Street Lights installed – Union Power & NRE Minister Shri R. K. Singh

The **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** launched the Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY) to **illuminate dark regions through establishment of solar street lights.**

It is a **sub scheme under off –grid and decentralized solar application scheme** of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India.

The **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)** has been entrusted to implement the scheme.

Under AJAY, Solar LED Lights are being **installed in rural, semi-urban and urban areas** which don,t enjoy adequate coverage of power.

The **Phase I** was implemented during September 2016- March 2018. The rural, semi-urban and urban areas that face less than 50% grid connectivity in **Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Odisha** will be illuminated with 7 W solar LED street lights. These solar lights were installed on major roads, markets and public conveniences in remote areas to sustainably enhance the citizens' quality of life.

The **Phase II** is being implemented during 2018-19 and 2019-20. States covered during Phase I - Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Odisha, Hilly states of Jammam Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, North-eastern states including Sikkim, Islands of Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep .Parliamentary constituencies covering 48 Aspirational districts of states other than those covered above.

The **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** will provide **75%** of the cost of street lights and **remaining 25%** will come from **Member of Parliament Local Area Development funds (MPLADS).**

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