Q 01. A 2 mW laser operates at a wavelength of 500 nm. The number of photons that will be emitted per second is:

[Given Planck's constant h= 6.6×10⁻³⁴ Js, speed of light $c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \,\text{m/s}$ [Main 10 Apr. 2019 (II)]

ANS (a) Energy of photon (E) is given by

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

Number of photons of wavelength \(\lambda \) emitted in t second from laser of power P is given by

$$n = \frac{Pt\lambda}{hc}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{2 \times \lambda}{hc} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-3} \times 5 \times 10^{-7}}{2 \times 10^{-25}} \ (\because t = 1S)$$
$$\Rightarrow n = 5 \times 10^{15}$$