

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

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

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to provide solar energy street light keeping in view the electricity crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government releases grant in aid to the State Governments to provide solar energy street light; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is promoting installation of solar street lighting systems in rural and urban areas in the country by providing partial financial support. So far, more than 56,000 solar street lighting systems have been installed in different parts of the country.

(c) & (d): The Ministry is providing grant in aid in the range of Rs. 19602/- to Rs.20,578/- for installation of solar street lighting system in remote un-electrified villages / hamlets. In the other villages/ hamlets the grant in aid is in the range of Rs. 9,600/- to Rs. 17,300/ per system. For the urban areas, the grant in aid is in the range of Rs.10,000/- to 12000/- per system, depending on the specifications of the system. The grant in aid is released through the state nodal agencies; however, in some case of urban applications the grant is released to municipal bodies.