

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

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PROMOTION OF USE OF SOLAR ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing solar heaters and solar lamps to the people at the cheaper cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the subsidy on the solar power equipment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to create awareness amongst the public for utilization of the solar energy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

- (a) & (b) The Ministry has been implementing schemes for providing solar heaters and solar lamps to the people for a number of years. Financial support in the form of interest subsidy at the rate of 0% to 5% or a capital subsidy of Rs.1400/- to Rs.6000/- per sq.m. of collector area of solar water heater is being provided to different categories of users. A subsidy of Rs.2400/- to Rs.17,300/- is also available for different types of solar lighting systems and for different categories of users.
- (c) & (d) There is no proposal to increase the subsidy of solar power generating equipment from the existing levels.
- (e) The Ministry has been providing financial support to State Nodal Agencies, NGOs, Banks and other organizations for organizing solar energy fairs, seminars, exhibitions etc. for creating awareness amongst the public for utilization of solar energy. A communication strategy has also been developed to promote and create awareness on solar water heaters. It includes creation of awareness through media, setting up of specific website and help lines.