

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

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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide electricity to the remote villages/helmets in the country including Jammu & Kashmir through solar energy under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes Madam. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has on 16th June, 2010, issued the guidelines to support off-grid applications of solar energy in the country including Jammu & Kashmir, under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission. The Ministry will provide partial Central Financial Assistance to set up the projects, which varies from 30% to 90% of the project cost depending on the project site and the application. Certain category of beneficiaries can also avail loan at 5% interest rate. The proposals are required to be submitted by the implementing agencies in a project mode for approval of the Ministry.

In addition, under the Remote Village Electrification (RVE) Programme up to 90% of the project cost is available as Central Financial Assistance for the installation of solar lighting systems in the unelectrified census villages and hamlets.

A total of 28,762 solar lanterns, 23,083 solar home lighting systems, 5,596 solar street lights, 39 solar pumps and 175.6 kWp capacity stand alone SPV power plants have been installed in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Under the RVE Programme projects have been sanctioned for electrification of 460 villages/hamlets in Jammu & Kashmir, of which 160 have been completed.