

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL HOUSEHOLDS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether kerosene which is being used in a large percentage of rural households causing serious health hazard for women and girl children who stay indoors for longer periods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to promote the supply of electricity from renewable households, particularly for the benefit of women and girl children;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (e): The Government is concerned about adequate access of rural households to clean energy.

The Government has approved the first phase of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) up to 2013, for installation of 1100 MW of grid connected solar power projects and 200 MW of off-grid solar applications. Under the off-grid applications scheme under the JNNSM, 30% subsidy and/or loan at 5% annual interest rate can be availed for various off-grid solar applications including the solar water heaters and solar lighting systems.