

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4059  
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SOLAR LANTERNS  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) has launched "Lighting Billion Lives" campaign;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the TERI has developed a new generation cost effective solar lanterns;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between TERI and any foreign mission in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b): Yes, Madam. TERI launched the Lighting a Billion Lives (LaBL) Campaign in Feb., 2008 with an objective to bring light into lives of one billion rural people around the globe by displacing kerosene/paraffin lanterns with solar lighting devices. 32,000 solar lanterns have been distributed in 517 villages in 16 States in India.
- (c)&(d): TERI has developed low cost Light Emitting Diode (LED) solar lanterns in collaboration with the technology partners. These lanterns are rugged, can operate up to seven hours.
- (e)&(f): Asian Development Bank (ADB) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) have signed Memorandum of Understanding with TERI for providing lights in 2000 household in 5-6 States.