

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2564  
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2011  
SOLAR POWER EQUIPMENT  
Kishor Shri Kamal

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

(a) whether any scheme to run training programmes for the maintenance and repairing of solar energy equipment is under consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Government, under its different programmes for solar energy and remote village electrification, has made provisions of imparting training through state nodal agencies, banks and other implementing agencies on operation, repair and maintenance of solar energy systems. Accordingly, banks, State Nodal agencies and system suppliers are imparting training in areas, where these programmes are being implemented. Government under its Human Resource Development Programme on Renewable Energy has also made provisions to organize short-term training programmes on various aspects of renewable energy including training programmes for the operation, maintenance and repairing of solar energy systems. According to the programme, upto an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (rupees ten lakh only) could be provided to various educational and other organizations engaged in educational activities for organizing such trainings. In addition, solar lighting systems, solar water heaters and solar cookers have been incorporated in the regular syllabus of two-year course of seven trades (electricians, electronics mechanic, machinist, fitter, sheet-metal worker, welder and plumber) of ITI.