

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

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SCHEME TO PROVIDE SOLAR COOKERS  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide solar cookers and solar powered light systems at reasonable rates to the people in place of gas and kerosene oil in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the said scheme has also been extended/ proposed to be extended to the rural areas of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry has been implementing schemes on solar cookers and solar powered lights for last many years to help people to replace/ save gas and kerosene oil. These include box and dish types solar cookers, solar lanterns and solar home lighting systems. Financial support between 25 to 50% on concentrating cookers and about 50 to 90% on home lighting systems depending on general/ special category states including North-East region has been made available to people under the schemes. A subsidy of Rs. 2400/- is also available for solar lanterns in un-electrified villages and hamlets of special category states and UTs/Islands.

(c): During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 2.47 crore has been spent on solar cookers and Rs. 192 crore on solar photovoltaic systems which includes solar lanterns and solar home lighting systems. In the current year, an amount of Rs.88.95 crore has been allocated for solar photovoltaic systems and demonstration programme on solar thermal systems including solar cookers.

(d)&(e): The schemes are mainly for rural areas. A total of about 6,37,000 solar cookers, 4,34,692 home lighting systems, and 6,97,419 lanterns have been provided to people in the country till 31.03.2009. In addition, solar home lighting systems have been provided in most of the 5379 un-electrified villages and hamlets under its Remote Village Electrification Programme.

(f): Not applicable.