

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

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USE OF SOLAR ENERGY

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

- (a) the names of schemes being implemented with the assistance of the Union Government in the States for the promotion of solar energy;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to use solar energy for street lights in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof?
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to provide any assistance to the State Governments for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Ministry has been implementing various schemes on solar energy which include schemes on solar water heating systems, cookers, air heating systems, steam generating systems and Solar photovoltaic lanterns, home lighting systems, street lighting systems, water pumping systems, solar power plants, solar rooftop systems solar traffic lights, etc. in the country.
- (b),(c),(d)&(e): The Ministry has been providing central financial assistance of Rs.17,300/- per system for installation of solar street lights in North-Eastern States and Special Category States and Rs.9600/- per system for other States/ Union Territories in the country. The Ministry also provides 2% of the central financial assistance to the programme implementing agencies as service/administrative charges for installation of street lights in urban areas.