

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

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SOLAR ENERGY

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for creating awareness amongst the public for increasing utilization of solar energy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government provides any subsidy on purchase of the solar power equipment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Ministry has taken several measures to promote use of solar energy applications, which include (i) organization of awareness camps and training programmes through regional rural banks, manufacturers/suppliers of solar systems and state agencies, (ii) advertisements in electronic and print media; and (iii) publication of magazine on renewable energy including special issues on solar energy.

(c)&(d): Under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, Government is providing 30% subsidy and/or loan at 5% annual interest rates for procurement of solar photovoltaic and thermal systems including standalone SPV power plants for General Category States in the country. For Central and State Government Bodies and their establishments in Special Category States and Districts with International Borders, the Ministry provides 90% subsidy for off-grid solar SPV systems.