

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

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SOLAR LANTERNS LAMPS
Singh Shri Bhupendra

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

- (a) whether the Union Government provides solar lanterns/lamps to States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of solar lanterns/lamps provided during each of the last three years and current year; State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to provide solar lanterns/lamps in naxal affected districts in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the States which have submitted proposals in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. Under the Off-grid Solar Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), the Ministry provides 30% subsidy of the capital cost limited to Rs.81/- per watt peak for distribution/ installation of solar lanterns, home lights and street lights through State Renewable Energy Development Agencies and other Central and State Government Ministries. The Ministry is also providing subsidy of 40% of the capital cost limited to Rs.108/- per watt peak for installing solar lanterns, home lights and small capacity PV plants upto 210 Watt peak by individuals through NABARD, Regional Rural Banks and other Commercial Banks. For balance 60% of the cost, the banks extend credit facility to the beneficiary at usual commercial rates. State-wise list of solar lanterns, home lights and street lights installed during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 and the current year are given in the Annexure.

(c)&(d): Under the Off-grid Solar Applications Scheme of JNNSM, the Ministry is providing 90% subsidy for installing 100 solar charging stations in each of the 60 most LWE affected districts in the country. Each solar charging station will be capable of charging 50 solar lanterns and 10 mobile phones. The Ministry has not received any project proposal from any State Government for installation of solar charging stations in the naxal affected districts.