

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

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SCHEME OF SOLAR APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to provide solar applications like solar cooker and solar energy at fair prices to the people including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for this purpose during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any decision to enhance the subsidy amount for promoting use of solar energy in households as well as other sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to create awareness among people for use of solar energy?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Under the Off-grid Solar Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is providing subsidy of 30% of the benchmark cost for solar cookers in the country including rural areas. The Ministry is also providing subsidy of 30% of the benchmark cost (Rs. 270/- per watt peak) of the solar photovoltaic systems subject to a maximum of Rs.81/- per watt peak for distribution/ installation of solar lanterns, home lights and Rs. 57 per Watt peak for solar water pumping systems to people including rural areas.

(c): State/ UT-wise allocation of funds was not made for off-grid solar thermal and photovoltaic systems under Scheme during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

(d)&(e): No, Madam. However, The Ministry is 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.