

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of subsidy on solar appliances, including solar lamps;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among people about using solar energy;and
- (d) the details of the works done so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Ministry has taken several measures to spread awareness about the use of renewable energy systems including solar energy devices. These include

- (i) organisation 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.

Regional Rural Banks organised 852 awareness programmes for solar lights in various parts of the country during 2011-12 and 2012-13.