

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

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SOLAR POWER EQUIPMENT

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

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- (a) whether the solar power equipment from China are being sold in the country at cheaper rates than the indigenously manufactured equipment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give more subsidy to indigenously made solar power equipment to produce and sell solar power at cheaper rates;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to make available instruments/panel for increased generation of solar energy in rural areas at cheaper rates?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Prices of solar equipment keep fluctuating and therefore it cannot be said that equipment from China is always cheaper than indigenously manufactured equipment.
- (b): Does not arise
- (c): There is no new proposal pending with the Government.
- (d): Not applicable.
- (e): Government of India is providing Custom/Excise Duty Exemption to Solar Power Manufacturers on import of input goods required for solar power equipments. Also, capital subsidy of 60%-90% for Government projects in special category states/other difficult areas and 30% subsidy for Government Projects in general category states is provided to facilitate increased generation of solar energy in general.