

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

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

- (a) whether Government has given highest priority to supply electricity at least from public sector companies and other entities funded under National Solar Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to provide alternative source of energy of rural households to light their houses; and
- (c) the details of the monitoring mechanism?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Under the schemes of off-grid solar applications of JNNSM, the Ministry has been implementing off-grid SPV power plants through Central Public Sector Undertakings such as Central Electronics Ltd., Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Ltd., M/s PEC Ltd. The Ministry is providing a subsidy of 30% of the cost of the system limited to Rs. 81 per Wp for solar lanterns and home lights through State Renewable Development Agencies. The Ministry is also extending a subsidy of 40% of the cost of system limited to Rs. 108 per Wp for solar lanterns and home lights through NABARD and other regional rural banks/commercial banks.

(c): The Ministry has been engaging Consultants and Renewable Energy Development Agencies for monitoring the installation of the systems in the field. Regular site visits are undertaken by the Officers of the Ministry. Meetings are held to review the progress of the sanctioned projects