

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

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ENERGY SAVING DEVICES

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

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out or proposes to frame any policy for promotion and quality development of solar powered street lighting, LED lighting and domestic appliances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has any proposal to distribute LED solar lanterns and energy saving devices to the households at subsidised rates in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria fixed in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government also has any proposal for promoting manufacturing of energy saving devices in the country through Medium and Small Enterprises (MSEs); and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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), the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is providing a subsidy of 30% of the benchmark cost of the solar street lights and home lights with LED luminaires limited to Rs. 81/- per watt peak through State Renewable Development Agencies. The Ministry is also providing a subsidy of 40% of the cost of the solar lanterns and home lights limited to Rs. 108/- per watt peak through NABARD, Regional Rural Banks and other Commercial Banks to individuals under the Scheme.

(c)&(d): Under the Off-grid Solar Applications Scheme of JNNSM, the MNRE is providing a subsidy of 30% of the benchmark cost of the solar lanterns with LED luminaires limited to Rs. 81/- per watt peak through State Renewable Development Agencies in General Category States. Under the Scheme LED solar lanterns are being procured by various implementing agencies from time to time.

Ministry of Power has proposed to deploy about 25 million LED bulbs over the next 3-4 years under the RGGVY program to electrify BPL household and promote LED bulbs under the Super Efficient Equipment Program (SEEP) in the XII Plan. Under the SEEP, the Ministry of Power also proposes to provide financial incentives to fan manufacturers to produce super efficient fans, which will be available in the market at discounted price to the consumers. There is no eligibility criteria fixed in this regards and the product will be available in the market for all.

(e)&(f): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has no proposal of providing any financial assistance for the manufacture of solar lanterns, home lights and street lights to anyone including Medium and Small Entreprises.

However, Ministry of Power under the Scheme named "Energy Efficiency and Technology up-gradation in small Medium Enterprises (BEE SME Programme) for the XII Plan, BEE proposes to encourage MSME clusters acquire product certification licences from National/International bodies.