

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

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SOLAR APPLIANCES  
Rajendran Shri C.

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the use of solar appliances in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any subsidy has been given by the Government for promoting the above appliances;
- (d) if, so the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year so far; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to extend such a scheme on solar lighting inside the homes, if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a):Yes, Madam.

(b):The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy under the Off-grid and Decentralized Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission is providing a subsidy of 30% of the cost of solar lanterns, home lights, streets lights, solar water pumping systems and solar water heating systems. The subsidy is limited to Rs. 81 per Wp for solar lighting systems, Rs. 57 per Wp for solar pumping systems and Rs. 3,000-3,300 per sq. meters of collector areas for solar water heating system in general categories States. In special category States subsidy of 90% of the cost of solar street light limited to Rs. 243 per Wp is available for installation by Central and State Government Ministries, Departments and their organizations, State Nodal Agencies and Local Bodies. Under the scheme, 60% of the cost solar water heater limited to Rs. 6000-6600 per sq. meters of solar thermal collector areas is available.

(c)&(d):Yes, Madam. The Ministry has released Rs. 103.05 crores during 2009-10, Rs. 287.05 crores during 2010-11, Rs. 589.76 crores and Rs 300.85 crores during 2012-13 up to 31.1.2013 for solar lights, water pumping systems, off-grid power plants and solar water heaters.

(e):The Ministry will continue to provide subsidy for solar lighting systems to individuals under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Application Scheme of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission during 2013-14.