

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:446
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2013
SOLAR LIGHTING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to distribute solar lanterns to reduce the consumption of subsidised kerosene in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State/UT-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Delhi.
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by the Government to intensify the distribution/installation of solar lanterns, and street lights particularly in the rural areas to improve the quality of life?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a),(b),(c)&(d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 446 for 26.4.2013.

(a): No Madam, Government does not directly distribute solar lanterns to the individuals in the country. However, under the Off-Grid and Decentralized Solar Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, the Ministry is providing a subsidy of 30% of the cost of the system limited to Rs. 81/- per Watt peak for solar lanterns to individuals through State Nodal Agencies. Ministry is also providing a subsidy of 40% of the cost of solar lanterns limited to Rs. 108/- per Watt peak to individuals through NABARD, nationalized banks and regional rural banks.

(b)&(c): The off-grid and Decentralised Solar Applications Scheme is implemented throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh and Delhi. 939862 nos. of solar lanterns have been installed in the country so far. These include 41360 nos. solar lanterns in Andhra Pradesh and 4807 nos. of solar lanterns in Delhi.

(d): Under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications Scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy will continue to provide a subsidy of 30% of the cost of the solar lanterns limited to Rs. 81 per Wp through State Nodal Agencies and 40% of the cost of solar lanterns limited to Rs. 108/- per Wp through NABARD, Nationalised Banks and Regional Rural Banks to individuals in the country. Under the Scheme, the Ministry provides a subsidy of 30% of the cost of street lighting systems limited to Rs. 81/- per Wp in rural areas in general category States and in special category States a subsidy of 90% of the cost of solar street lights limited to Rs. 243 per Wp is provided for installation by Central and States Ministries, Departments and their organizations, State Nodal Agencies and Local Bodies.