

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

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SOLAR LIGHTING IN SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install solar photovoltaic systems in Government offices, schools and colleges in the country particularly in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with financial assistance provided to States for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from State/UT Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry, under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Application scheme of JNNSM provides a subsidy of 30% of the project cost ranging from Rs. 42/- to Rs. 81/- per watt peak for off-grid SPV systems/power plants having module capacity upto 100 kWp depending on their capacity and configuration in general category States. In Special Category States, UT Islands and districts with international borders, the Ministry provides 90% of the cost of the off-grid SPV power plants limited to in the range of Rs. 126/- and 243/- per Wp for installation by Central and State Government Ministries, Departments and their organizations, State Nodal Agencies and Local Bodies.

(b): The Ministry has sanctioned central financial assistance of Rs. 16414.28 lakhs for installation of various off-grid solar photovoltaic projects on government offices, school and colleges including in rural areas in various States during the financial year 2012-13.

(c) & (d): The Ministry receives project proposals on regular basis from the States/UTs for sanction of central financial assistance for installation of Off-grid SPV Systems and power plants for different categories of end users. The Ministry sanctions central financial assistance for those project proposals which are found complete in all respect as per the Guidelines of the programme.