

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

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SOLAR PUMPS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide solar water pumps to the farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such pumps installed in the villages in the country so far, State/UT-wise including Jharkhan, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the details of fund allocated by the Government for this project; and
- (d) the number of villages where the Government proposes to install solar water pumps during next five years, State-UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry is providing a subsidy of 30% of the cost of solar water pumping system limited to Rs. 57,000/- per kWp to farmers through the State Renewable Energy Development Agencies and other channel partners. State/UT-wise list of solar water pumps installed in the country including Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh is given in the Annexure.

(c) The Ministry does not allocate funds separately for solar water pumping system as this is a part of the Off-grid and Decentralised Solar Applications Programme.

(d): The Ministry does not make any State/UT-wise plan for installation of solar water pumping systems. However, the Ministry sanctions projects to the State Nodal Agencies and other implementing agencies on receiving complete project proposals from them.