

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3328  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide solar cookers and solar powered light systems at reasonable rates to the people in place of gas and kerosene oil in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the said scheme has also been extended/proposed to be extended to the rural areas of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): No Madam. However, under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications Scheme of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), the Ministry is providing central financial assistance (CFA) for solar PV lighting systems and solar cookers.

(b): Under the Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications Scheme of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), the Ministry is providing central financial assistance (CFA) for solar Lighting systems and solar Cookers. of 30% of the cost of installation of solar photovoltaic lanterns and home lights limited to ` 81/- per Wp for CFL based systems and ` 135/- per Wp for LED based systems in General Category States. Alternatively, the Ministry is also providing 40% subsidy limited to ` 108/- per Wp for solar home lighting systems and small capacity PV systems through NABARD, commercial banks and regional rural banks.

The Ministry provides central financial assistance of ` 3600 per sq. m. of collector area for direct heating applications and ` 2100 per sq. m. for concentrator with manual tracking for cooking applications to the users. 126482 solar lanterns and 342599 solar home lights have been installed in the country including rural areas during the last three years.

(c): The Ministry does not allocate separate funds for solar lighting systems and solar cookers.

(d): The Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Applications Scheme of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) is being implemented throughout the country including rural areas.

(e): Does not arise.