

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

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SOLAR HEATER AND LAMP
Singh Shri Ganesh

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide solar equipment including solar heater and solar lamp to the people at lower rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise:
- (c) whether the Government proposes to raise the subsidy given on solar power equipments:
- (d) if so, the details thereof: and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among the people regarding the use of solar energy along with the details of the works done in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Ministry is providing central financial assistance (CFA) upto 30% of the Benchmark cost of the equipment in Solar Water Heating systems and Solar Photo Voltaic systems such as solar lanterns, home lights, street lights and stand alone PV power plants.

This CFA is same for entire country, except for special category states, UT islands and International Border districts, where CFA is upto 60% for Solar Water Heating systems and upto 90% for Solar Photo Voltaic systems for Government organizations in certain categories.

(c)&(d):Does not arise.

(e): Ministry is conducting workshops, award distribution functions and releasing information to various stakeholders and in public domain to create the awareness among the people, which inter alia include,

National Workshop on Solar Water Heating Systems in New Delhi

Regional Workshops for Industrial / Hospital / Institutions sectors at Pune, New Delhi, Dehradun, Mysore, Bhilwara, Guntur, Bangalore, Thane, Hyderabad, Ghaziabad, Jammu, and Chennai

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