

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

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SOLAR LAMPS FOR RURAL AREAS
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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 cheaper solar lamps in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of subsidy provided / proposed to be provided on these lamps by the Government?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is implementing Remote Village Electrification Programme to provide lighting/basic electricity through renewable energy technologies including solar energy devices, in those remote unelectrified census villages and unelectrified hamlets of electrified census villages in rural areas where grid extension is either not feasible or not cost effective and which are not taken up under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana for electrification through conventional energy. Central Financial Assistance of upto 90% of the project costs, subject to pre specified maximum amount for each renewable energy system, is provided for approved projects. In addition, the Ministry also promotes use of solar energy devices in project mode through subsidy ranging from Rs.125/- per peak Watt for power packs to Rs.17300/- for streetlights.