

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

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

- (a) the total investments made by the Government for the development of solar energy during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of subsidy on solar equipments to augment solar energy generation in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): During 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and the current financial year upto 30.11.2009, an amount of about Rs.303 crores was released to States/ Union Territories for various solar energy projects by the Ministry as central financial assistance (CFA).

(b)&(c): The Government has recently approved the first phase of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission till March, 2013 under which preferential tariff for solar grid power has been envisaged. For solar lights in settlements without access to grid electricity and for stand- alone rural solar power plants in Special Category States and remote & difficult areas such as Lakshdweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir and Border Areas, 90% subsidy will be provided. Further, upto 30% capital subsidy would be considered for innovative off-grid applications of solar energy.