

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4733
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SOLAR TUBEWELLS
Ghubaya Shri Sher Singh

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

- (a) whether the Government provides subsidy to the farmers of the country including Punjab for purchasing solar tubewells;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been providing central financial assistance of Rs. 30 per watt peak of solar photovoltaic (SPV) array capacity used in the solar water pumping system, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 per system for its installation for community drinking water supply, agriculture and related uses in the country, including the State of Punjab. The SPV water pumping programme is implemented through the state renewable energy development agencies and the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA).