

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

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SUBSIDY FOR SOLAR APPLIANCES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to provide grants or subsidy for the solar home appliances as power consumption can be reduced drastically if those are made popular;
- (b) if so, whether any recommendations have been received by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has asked the manufacturers to come up with innovative ideas for solar home appliances; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a): Yes, Madam. Ministry provides subsidy for solar home lighting systems under Off-Grid and Decentralized Solar Application Programme to make these appliances popular.
- (b): Yes, Madam. The recommendation received from time to time were incorporated in the programme guidelines issued for the year 2014-15.
- (c)&(d): Ministry is constantly trying to get better products available for the users and encourage innovative ideas.