

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

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SOLAR ELECTRIC EQUIPMENTS
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme of providing solar heater and solar lamp at concessional rates to the people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase subsidy on solar electric equipments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for creating awareness for using solar energy in the country including Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Under Off-grid and decentralized solar applications scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, the Ministry provides capital subsidies for solar water heaters and solar photovoltaic lighting systems.

The Ministry provides 30% capital subsidy for installation of solar water heaters in general category States and 60% capital subsidy in special category States which are North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

For installation of solar photovoltaic lighting systems 30% capital subsidy limited to Rs.135 /- per watt peak depending upon their capacity and configuration is available.

The Ministry is also providing 40% subsidy limited to Rs. 180/- per watt peak for solar home lighting systems and small capacity photovoltaic systems through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Ministry has taken several measures to create awareness about use of solar energy in the country including Uttar Pradesh, which include (i) organizing awareness camps and capacity building programmes through regional rural banks, manufacturers/suppliers of solar systems and state agencies, (ii) advertisements in electronic and print media; and (iii) publication of magazine on renewable energy including special issues on solar energy.