

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

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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SOLAR ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes that the Government has floated to encourage the general public for production and consumption of solar energy;
- (b) the loan schemes available for the general public opting for use of solar power for domestic purposes;
- (c) whether there are any Non-Governmental Organizations who are willing to extend help and support to the general public intending to use solar power for domestic purposes; 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): The Ministry is implementing the schemes on (i) Off-Grid & Decentralized Solar PV Applications (ii) Off-Grid & Decentralized Solar Thermal Applications (iii) Grid-Connected Rooftop and Small Solar Power Plants Programme and (iv) Off-Grid & Decentralized Solar Cooker Programme to encourage the general public for production and consumption of solar energy.

(b): Off-Grid & Decentralized Solar PV Applications scheme provides upto 40% capital subsidy for solar lanterns, solar home lights, solar street lights, small capacity power plants etc. through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and loans for balance amount through Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Scheduled Commercial Banks/ Co-operation Banks.

Further, Department of Financial Services has advised to all Public Sector Banks to encourage the home loan/home improvement loan seekers to install rooftop solar PVs and include the cost of such equipment in their home loan proposals.

(c)&(d): The schemes have provision to involve reputed Non-Governmental Organizations who are willing to promote use of solar energy for domestic purposes as per guidelines.