

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

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USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

(a) whether the Government provides any subsidy to below poverty line families having no access to power supply to avail the facility of non-renewable sources of energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps proposed to be taken by the Government to popularise non-conventional source of energy among masses which do not have electricity connection?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry is providing Central Financial Assistance to all category of beneficiaries including below poverty line families which are having no access to power supply. The details of Central Financial Assistance/Subsidy being provided various renewable energy programme is given in Annexure.

(c): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is providing various fiscal incentive such as generation based incentives, accelerated depreciation, concessional excise and customs duties for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the country. Besides providing financial and fiscal incentives, a few other measures to promote renewable energy include: setting up of demonstration projects, preferential tariff for purchase of power generated from renewable sources, intensive resource assessment, development of power evacuation and testing facilities, introduction of Renewable Energy Certification and Renewable Purchase Obligation, etc.

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under this Ministry, also provides soft term loan for promotion of renewable energy projects.