

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any scheme or proposal for distribution of solar lamps free among the families living below poverty line with a view to promote renewable energy in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

- (a): No Madam. However Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) is providing central financial assistance for distribution of solar lamps to families living below poverty line.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Government of India is providing 30% Capital Subsidy through State Renewable Agencies and 40% through banks. In addition, some States are already providing balance cost of the lamps as their share. Banks also provide 60% of cost of the lamp as loan which can be repaid in sixty monthly installments.
