

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

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ASSISTANCE FOR USE OF SOLAR ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to encourage and provide technical and financial assistance to farmers and small entrepreneurs to use solar energy across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the procedures and formalities to avail this financial assistance; and
- (d) the budget allocated by the Government during this year to implement the above proposal, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes madam, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to all type of users including farmers and entrepreneurs, for installation of solar off-grid systems including solar pumps depending upon type and capacity of the Solar system/Plants. The Ministry has also set minimal technical specifications and standards for systems/components under Off grid Solar programme to help beneficiaries to select right type of systems as per their requirement.

The Ministry provides 30% subsidy on the cost of the system ranging from Rs. 21/- per watt peak (absolute) Rs. 105/- per watt peak (absolute) depending upon the capacity of the modules and configuration of the solar photovoltaic systems /plants in General Category States in the country.

(c): Central Financial Assistance (CFA) can be availed through State Nodal Agencies/Channel Partners/NABARD for installation of solar pumps. The proposals submitted by State Nodal Agencies (SNA)/ Channel Partners are scrutinized and sanctioned by the Ministry and funds are disbursed to them on milestone basis.

(d): Govt. of India in current year has allocated Rs.678 crores for solar Off grid SPV programme which includes 400 crores for solar pumps Scheme. The Ministry has allocated targets and funds to State for 50,000 numbers of solar pumps for their acceptance as per enclosed annexure.