

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

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SUBSIDY TO MANUFACTURERS UNDER NATIONAL SOLAR MISSION

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

- (a) whether the Government had extend subsidy to manufacturers of solar heaters under the National Solar Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has now suspended the subsidy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether this move has resulted in steep increase in the price of Indian solar heater compared to imported chinese solar water heater which is available at cheaper rate; and
- (f) if so, the corrective steps taken/being taken by the government to protect the interest of Indian solar heater manufacturers who are struggling for their very survival?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Government had extended subsidy upto 30.09.2014 for installation of solar water heaters under the National Solar Mission.

(c)&(d): The Government has discontinued the subsidy with effect from 01.10.2014, due to accumulation of liabilities and paucity of funds and the growth in the market to a level, where it can sustain without subsidy.

(e)&(f): There is no clear correlation on prices of domestic being higher than claimed but depends on quality parameters, service standards, etc..

The Ministry is continuously supporting to popularize the solar water heating program in the country and also providing technical support. All the Manufactures are free to continue to market the solar water heaters at their end without MNRE subsidy.