

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
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SOLAR ENERGY IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide solar energy to Government schools in rural areas where power is not available;
- (b) if so, the details, thereof?
- (c) whether the Government provides subsidy to the rural farmers and tribals on solar equipments for domestic use as well for irrigation purposes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY(DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been implementing a solar photovoltaic (SPV) programme in the country, under which central financial assistance of Rs.1.25 lakhs/kWp is provided for installation of SPV stand alone power plants, including in the schools.

(c) & (d): The Ministry has been providing central financial assistance for installation of solar lanterns, solar home lighting systems, solar street lights, solar power plants and solar water pumping systems in the rural areas for domestic use and for irrigation purposes. The details of financial assistance provided for these systems is given in the Annexure.