Lightening of schools in rural areas

4133. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the Assam Government for providing additional financial assistance for lighting of schools and rural areas of the State with solar energy;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action plan has been formulated by the Central Government therefor; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) The Ministry has received two proposals from Assam Energy Development Agency for providing subsidy at 90% of the project cost for installation of standalone SPV power plants/power packs of total capacity 23 kWp at 11 Gaon Panchayat Offices, Boko Bazar and IAY Colony in Kamrup District and 15 Gaon Panchayat Offices in Jorhat District, Assam.

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The Government has a Scheme under which central financial assistance up to 90% of the project cost limited to Rs. 243/- per watt peak is provided for installing solar lighting systems and standalone SPV power plants by only Central and State Government Ministries, Departments and their organisations, State Nodal Agencies and Local bodies in Special Category States, UT Islands and districts with International Borders.

Subsidy for installation of water mills in Karnataka

4134. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state: