

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1749**  
ANSWERED ON 06/08/2024

**SOLAR COOKER ON SUBSIDISED RATE**

1749. DR. BHIM SINGH

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

- (a) whether Government is running any scheme to provide energy for daily consumption from solar energy-based sources, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to provide solar cooker at subsidised rates by which the public can use more and more clean energy/solar energy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**  
**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER**  
**(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing various schemes and programmes in the country to increase the share of solar energy in the daily consumption of electricity, which inter-alia, includes:

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana to empower one crore residential households to generate their own electricity by the installation of rooftop solar systems.
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme to promote small grid connected solar energy power plants, stand-alone solar powered agricultural pumps and solarization of existing grid connected agricultural pumps.

(b) At present there is no proposal under consideration by the MNRE to provide solar cookers at subsidised rates. However, MNRE is supporting the installation of biogas plants as a source of alternative clean energy for cooking purposes in the country under the National Bioenergy Programme, under which MNRE is providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for setting up of biogas plants, ranging from Rs.9800/- to Rs. 70,400/- per biogas plant based on size of the plant (1-25 cubic meter/day plant capacity).

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