



PRIORITY SECTOR CREDIT DEPARTMENT

SCHEMES FOR FINANCING INSTALLATION OF

- 1. SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS**
- 2. SOLAR LIGHTING ("SyndSolarJyothi")**

Use of Solar Energy for domestic and commercial heating and lighting is one of the viable and sustainable solutions to the energy problem. Harnessing Solar Energy is becoming more and more popular. It is a fact that even today many remote villages in the country do not have access to grid power and they depend on Kerosene and other fossil fuels. The problem of power shortage being faced by the public can be viewed as an opportunity for the Bank to extend finance for solar lighting systems.

1. SCHEME FOR FINANCING SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS (SWHS):

The Bank has been implementing the scheme for financing Solar Water Heating Systems since January 2000. With a view to promoting widespread use of solar water heaters and accelerating the pace of implementation of the scheme, Government of India has revised the scheme to make it more attractive with soft loans available to the customers at an interest rate of 2% to domestic users, 3% to institutional users and 5% to industrial/ commercial users on upfront basis.

2. SOLAR LIGHTING SYSTEMS (SLS):

Financing for installation of Solar Lights for domestic and commercial lighting holds immense business potential. Hence, the bank has launched "SyndSolarJyothi" during 2004. The scheme offers an excellent opportunity to promote the use of solar lighting. Promotion of solar power, as one of the alternative energy sources is, both a social cause and a business proposition to the Bank.