

# G.M. Pettai kids get solar lamps

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**March 2:** After a DC report on Monday pointed out the non-availability of electricity connections at G.M. Pettai in North Chennai, Solkar India, a solar power company in the city, has provided solar lamps and adapters for students in the locality to help them in their studies.

"It is part of our 'light your home' mission by which we give free solar lamps and adapters to people, who can-



**Jagadish Babu, Solkar India, gives solar lamps, adapters to kids. —DC**

not afford electricity. Our chief Mr Raghunathan asked us to reach the spot immediately to help students prepare for their exams," said Mr Jagadish Babu of Solkar India.

The company, in a tie-up with Exnora, has already reached out to homes without electricity across the state. "The two lamps have given a great relief for the students," said Mr K. Bharathi, a social activist in the locality. "Thanks to DC, the students in our homes

are a happy lot. They need not study by candle light or kerosene lamps," said Krishnammal, a local resident.

The 552 houses in G.M. Pettai have been without electricity since 2007. Despite several reminders and representations to the government, the people were not given electricity connections. A procedural problem between Tamil Nadu electricity board and Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board seems to be the reason behind the undue delay.