

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:121  
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000  
BUDGET FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CORPORATION  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether budget outlay for Rural Electrification Corporation for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 has been sharply curtailed in comparison to the last year;
- (b) if so, the reasons and its justification therefor;
- (c) whether Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar and Rajasthan would be highly affected due to decline in plan outlay; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Government has provided a budgetary support of Rs.430 crores to Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) during the year 1999-2000 under Normal Programme and Rs.175 crores under Minimum Needs Programme for carrying out RE works in the country. Year-wise details of budgetary support given by the Government to Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for the period 1997-98 to 1999-2000 are given as under :-

Rs. in crores

Year	Normal+	MNP#
1997-98	348	175
1998-99	450	175
1999-2000	430	175

+ Budgetary Support including equity from MOP

# Funds outlay approved under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP).

It will be seen therefore that there has not been any sharp curtailment in the outlay.

(c) & (d) : In view of the above, question does not arise.