

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1571

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Where 21st Century means a lightbulb` appearing in the Indian Express dated December 24, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the number of villages electrified in the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan in the country and the targets contemplated under the plan, state-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Maharashtra State has achieved 100% village electrification as on 31.3.1989. Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has reported that the village `Daand` mentioned in the article in Indian Express was electrified in 1987, but due to cyclones HT and LT lines were snapped. The problem was attended to by MSEB and supply was resorted to the village.

(c) : The state-wise details of villages electrified in the first three years of Ninth Five Year Plan against the targets fixed is annexed.