

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:179  
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2003  
VILLAGES ELECTRIFIED BY SOLAR ENERGY  
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of villages electrified by solar energy, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have fixed any target to electrify the villages in the Tenth Five Year Plan by the solar energy ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether proposals for clearance are pending with the Government ;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government thereon ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 179 FOR 31ST JULY, 2003 REGARDING VILLAGES ELECTRIFIED BY SOLAR ENERGY.

(a): The State-wise details of the remote villages electrified by solar energy during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 ( till 30th June, 2003 ) are given in Annexure- I.

(b) & (c): The Tenth Plan Document indicates a target of 5,000 remote villages to be electrified during the Tenth Five Year Plan through non-conventional energy sources. However, keeping in view the announcements made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister about electrification of all villages by March, 2007, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is striving to electrify all the remote villages in the country by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

The Government has advised the States to identify remote villages for electrification through non-conventional energy sources. Several States have submitted partial or complete lists of such villages to the Ministry. The State-wise information received so far is given in Annexure-II. Annual programmes for village electrification in various States are provided financial assistance on the basis of proposals received from them.

(d), (e) & (f): As on 28th July, 2003, proposals for electrification of 845 remote villages received from various States were being considered. This is an on-going process.

Annexure-I

Annexure - 1 referred to in reply to Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 179 for 31.7.2003 regarding Villages Electrified by Solar Energy.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF THE REMOTE VILLAGES ELECTRIFIED THROUGH SOLAR ENERGY UNDER THE VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME OF THE MINISTRY DURING 2001-02, 2002-03 AND 2003-04 (TILL 30TH JUNE, 2003)

S.No. State No. of Villages Electrified

1. Arunachal Pradesh 3

2. Assam 36

3. Chattisgarh 120

4. Jammu & Kashmir 90

5. Uttaranchal	80
6. West Bengal	740

TOTAL 1,069

Annexure - 1I referred to in reply to Parts (b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 179 for 31.7.2003 regarding Villages Electrified by Solar Energy.

STATES WHICH HAVE SUBMITTED PARTIAL OR COMPLETE LISTS OF REMOTE VILLAGES IDENTIFIED FOR ELECTRIFICATION THROUGH NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

S.No. State No. of Villages indicated in the lists

1 Andhra Pradesh	17
2 Arunachal Pradesh	77
3 Assam	2,800
4 Bihar	321
5 Chhattisgarh	1250
6 Jammu & Kashmir	96
7 Jharkhand	70
8 Karnataka	255
9 Madhya Pradesh	1226
10 Maharashtra	307
11 Manipur	137
12 Meghalaya	2,332
13 Mizoram	25
14 Nagaland	13
15 Orissa	200
16 Rajasthan	565
17 Sikkim	32
18 Tripura	585
19 Uttar Pradesh	100
20 Uttaranchal	1127
21 West Bengal	1450

Total 12,985