

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:457  
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES OF WEST BENGAL  
BIR SING MAHATO

**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the target fixed for electrification of villages in West Bengal during the Ninth Five Year Plan and whether the desired results had been achieved;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which all the villages in the State are likely to be electrified?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Against the target of electrification of 2800 villages in West Bengal during the 9th Five Year Plan Period, 1230 villages have been electrified during the same period.
- (b) : Targets could not be achieved due to non-availability of adequate financial resources and financial losses of West Bengal State Electricity Board.
- (c) : By March, 2007 all the villages in the State are required to be electrified.