

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

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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES BY SOLAR BATTERIES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages electrified in the State of Rajasthan with the help of solar batteries during the last three years;
- (b) the funds allotted to the State in this regard and the amount spent so far; and;
- (c) the funds allotted to the State of Rajasthan under the rural electrification scheme during the current financial year?

Answer

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

- (a): 22 villages have been electrified by the State Nodal Agency of Rajasthan based on stand-alone solar power plants under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) Scheme through State allocation. Work is in progress in another 38 villages. In addition, 22,500 solar domestic lighting systems and 437 solar street lighting systems were installed in rural areas in the State during the last three years under the Solar Photovoltaic Programme of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (MNES).
- (b): An amount of Rs.8.87 crore was allocated and spent on the electrification of 22 villages under the PMGY Scheme. An amount of Rs.13.60 crore was released by MNES and spent by the State Agency on the installation of solar domestic and street lighting systems.
- (c): No funds have so far been released to Rajasthan State under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of MNES during the current financial Year.