

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of villages electrified in Tamil Nadu during the last three years through solar light voltage systems;
- (b) the number of villages in the State proposed to be electrified during the current year;
- (c) the details to funding of projects for solar electrification in the State; and
- (d) the ratio of contribution of Centre and State and the percentage utilization thereof during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a): The number of electrified villages in Tamilnadu during the last three years through solar systems is `nil` as all of the 15,822 total number of villages in the State have been electrified by conventional means, as per Central Electricity Authority (CEA). However, a project for electrification of 152 remote unelectrified hamlets of electrified villages through solar photovoltaic systems has been sanctioned to Tamilnadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) during 2003-04.

(b): There are no unelectrified villages in Tamilnadu. The State has submitted a proposal to electrify 106 remote unelectrified hamlets of electrified villages through solar photovoltaic systems.

(c): An amount of Rs.367.0 lakhs was released by MNES during 2003-04 for implementation of electrification of 152 remote unelectrified hamlets.

(d): Central Financial Assistance up to 90% of the cost of the projects is provided with specific benchmarks as applicable in respect of the technologies adopted for electrification as per the scheme.