

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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) whether the Government have achieved the target fixed to provide electricity to villages in various Islands in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details of amount spent on rural electrification from the Tsunami Fund;
- (c) whether the Government has speed up rural electrification programme in A & N Islands after the Tsunami devastation in the Island;
- (d) if so, the total amount spent on rural electrification so far from the Tsunami Fund; and
- (e) the time by which the target fixed for the purpose is likely to be achieved?

Answer

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

(a): According to the Union Territory Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 317 villages out of 547 villages have been electrified. In addition 120 villages which are either encroached in forest areas or are un-inhabited villages, holding about 4% of population, are not to be electrified as per present guidelines. Balance 110 villages covering 1% population are yet to be electrified, out of which about 25 isolated villages are to be electrified through non-conventional energy sources. The survey of these villages is in progress. However the above figure of villages to be electrified has got modified due to Tsunami on 26.12.2004 and the final settlement/village details are yet to be finalized.

(b), (c), (d) & (e): An amount of Rs.5.29 crores has been spent up to October, 2005 and an amount of Rs.9.00 crores is committed expenditure from the Tsunami fund for providing power supply to relief camps and the intermediate shelter locations.

In addition, after the Tsunami disaster the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources had provided 5500 solar lanterns for distribution in Tsunami affected areas for which an amount of Rs. 1.81 crore has been spent by the Ministry.

Power supply to all the Tsunami affected islands including all the intermediate shelter locations has been restored. All the remaining un-electrified villages are proposed to be electrified by the year 2007.

Restoration of power supply in Andaman & Nicobar Islands including rural electrification may require about Rs. 178 crores.