

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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PROMOTION OF NON- CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

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- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote non-conventional energy sources in the country;
- (b) the target set for providing the facility of solar energy to remote villages;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide solar energy to people living below poverty line at concessional rate; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): To promote deployment of renewable energy, financial and fiscal incentives are being provided that include capital / interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, concessional duties and relief from taxes. In addition, preferential tariff is given to grid interactive renewable power in most potential states. Publicity and awareness on the use of renewable energy systems / devices is also created through print, postal and electronic media and special events like the Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas are being organized. District-level Advisory Committees have been constituted in the states to facilitate effective coordination of renewable energy schemes / programmes.

(b) : The Ministry is implementing a Remote Village Electrification Programme for electrification of remote un-electrified census villages and remote hamlets of electrified census villages where grid connectivity is not being provided under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana. Electrification in these remote villages and hamlets will be done through biomass/ biofuel / small hydro distributed generation systems, wherever feasible and cost-effective, otherwise 37 Wp solar photovoltaic home lighting systems will be provided. The 10th Plan target for electrification of villages through renewable means is 5000.

(c)&(d): Under the aforementioned programme, one light connection free of cost is being provided to households below the poverty line when electricity through distributed generation systems is sought to be supplied. Otherwise, an 18Wp solar photovoltaic home lighting systems is being given free of cost.