

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1813  
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SOLAR VILLAGES  
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria for setting up of a solar village;
- (b) the number of such villages set up so far in the country;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to set up more such villages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof.

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY(DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b): A programme for financial support for providing basic lighting/ electricity in remote villages, through various renewable energy sources including solar energy, is being implemented by the Ministry. Those villages which are not taken up under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana for electrification because of grid infeasibility are covered under the Programme. The Ministry has so far provided support to states for coverage of around 9300 villages and hamlets. The state-wise details are given in the enclosed table.

(c)&(d): The identification of villages to be taken up under the Programme is carried out by the respective state governments. From 2005-06 onwards, the names of such villages are verified by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for grid infeasibility and non-inclusion under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana.

Table

Table Referred to in Reply to Part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no.1813 due for Answer on 17-07-2009

State-wise Details of Proposals Received and Sanctioned for Financial Support under Remote Village Electrification Programme

S. No. State No. of villages & Hamlets

1 Andhra Pradesh 13

2 Arunachal Pradesh 298

3 Assam 1986

4 Chattisgarh 588

5 Gujarat 38

6 Haryana 286

7 Himachal Pradesh 22

8 Jammu & Kashmir 235

9 Jharkhand 477

- 10 Karnataka 79
- 11 Kerala 607
- 12 Madhya Pradesh 274
- 13 Maharashtra 353
- 14 Manipur 240
- 15 Meghalaya 97
- 16 Mizoram 20
- 17 Nagaland 3
- 18 Orissa 306
- 19 Rajasthan 327
- 20 Sikkim 13
- 21 Tamilnadu 184
- 22 Tripura 755
- 23 Uttarakhand 718
- 24 Uttar Pradesh 250
- 25 West Bengal 1186