

Electrification of Villages in Maharashtra during Last Three Years

5627. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in Maharashtra which have been electrified during each of the last three years with the financial assistance of the Rural Electrification Corporation and the extent of the financial assistance in each of these three years;

(b) whether rural electrification in Maharashtra is being slowed down; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The number of villages in Maharashtra electrified with the financial assistance of Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. and the amounts disbursed by the Corporation to Maharashtra State Electricity Board during each of the last 3 years are as under.—

Year	No. of villages electrified	Amount disbursed by rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.
		(Rs. in crores)
1972-73	476	4.64
1973-74	714	5.20
1974-75	545†	6.05

*Upto the end of February, 1975.

(b) and (c). There is no slowing down of rural electrification works in Maharashtra. There are 35,851 villages in the State. 16,933 villages had been electrified upto 31.3.1974. Additional 1,810 villages had been electrified during the period from April, 1974 to January, 1975. The progress has been satisfactory.

Production and Import of Heavy Water

5628. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of heavy water produced indigenously and imported;

(b) the names of the countries from which imported and the quantity imported from each country;

(c) whether Canada has stopped supply of heavy water to India and if so, since when; and

(d) the arrangements made to get heavy water from other sources?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF SPACE, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI)

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(a) Indigenously Produced	137.770 (Upto March 31, 1975)
Imported	198
(b) Canada	118
U. S. R.	10

(c) and (d). Canada has recently suspended export of equipment/materials for our nuclear programme. Talks are going on with Canadian authorities with a view to resuming cooperation in nuclear programmes.

Criteria for Determining Backwardness of a Region

5629. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2989 on