

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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GRANT IN AID TO IREDA
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Adivasi dominated villages in Orissa as the private companies that are operating there, are not willing to extend electricity to the dispersed villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Union Government have any proposal to give any grant in aid to the PSU like IREDA engaged in encouraging the use of NCES in the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a) & (b): There are about 18000 remote and unelectrified villages in the country including over 3000 villages in Orissa, which are not considered economically feasible for electrification through conventional grid. These villages could be considered for providing electricity through non-conventional energy sources provided necessary resources are available. A project for decentralized energy systems for integrated development of Komna Block, Nuapara District in Orissa, which also includes electrification of some villages through Solar Photovoltaic, is under implementation through Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA),

(c), (d) & (e): The Ministry does not provide grant in aid to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for implementation of the non-conventional energy sources in the country. However, it has been providing support to IREDA by way of equity contribution and interest subsidy and IREDA provides soft loans for promotion and development of non-conventional energy sources in the country.