

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) : whether the Government propose to extend the rural electrification scheme in various states during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) : if so, the details of target set forth during the said period, State-wise; and
- (c) : the estimated amount earmarked for the purpose and the number of persons likely to be benefitted in the states from the said scheme, state-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Planning Commission finalises targets and financial outlays for the States on an annual basis depending upon the availability of financial resources and also the readiness of States to take up extended rural electrification programme. Planning Commission have envisaged to electrify 30,000 villages and energise 20,00,000 pumpsets in the country during 9th Plan Period. Planning Commission have not finalized State-wise targets and financial outlays for the Ninth Plan Period. However, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has set a target of electrification of 7000 villages and energisation of 7,40,000 pumpsets during the first three years of the Ninth Plan Period. Out of the targets set, REC has already achieved electrification of 6281 villages and energisation of 6,49,000 pumpsets at the end of December, 1999.