

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to devise a new strategy to prioritise the execution of projects with an interest subsidy;
- (b) if so, whether this new strategy was okayed by the Government recently;
- (c) if so, the details of the projects that are being considered by the Government;
- (d) whether a group of Ministers has been set up to look into the speedy implementation of the new plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of villages likely to be electrified each year upto 2005 under this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Government has decided to grant interest subsidy of Rs.16.67 crores for electrification of 415 Tribal villages and 2440 Dalit Bastis during the year 2000-2001.

(c) : State-wise details of electrification of tribal villages and dalit bastis are given in Annexure-I.

(d) & (e) : The Group of Ministers consisting of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Minister of Finance, Minister of Power, Minister of Information Technology and Minister of Tribal Affairs has been set up. The Group of Ministers may review all the existing schemes relating to electrification of Tribal villages, Dalit bastis and benefiting other weaker sections and suggest modifications for accelerating the pace of electrification.