

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:585
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2000
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN MAHARASHTRA
ANANDRAO ADSUL;HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rural electrification done in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the target fixed for each of the State under this programme during 2000-2001;
- (c) whether the Government propose to privatise rural electrification system in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken to stream-line the system of electrification in the rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER

(SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 585 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 8.5.2000 REGARDING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION.

(a) : State-wise, Year-wise details of village electrification and pumpset energisation in the country during the last three years are given at Annexures-I & II respectively.

(b) : Planning Commission finalises the financial outlays and physical targets for rural electrification on an annual basis. The Planning Commission has not yet finalised the financial outlays and physical targets for the year 2000-01.

(c) & (d) : The policy announced by Government of India in 1991 to encourage private sector participation in the power sector is uniformly applicable to all the States both for urban and rural areas.

(e) : Ministry of Finance has decided to release funds for rural electrification directly to the States which were earlier being routed through Rural Electrification Corporation (REC). Further, to give boost to electrification of tribal villages and dalit bastis, the Government has recently decided to grant interest subsidy of Rs.16.67 crores for electrification of 415 tribal villages and 2440 dalit bastis during 2000-01. Government has also decided to set up a Group of Ministers (GOM) to 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, so that they enjoy the benefits of electrification to the same extent as other areas/sections of the population.