

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN BIHAR DURING NINTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed for electrification for villages of Bihar during the Ninth Five Year Plan and whether the desired results have been achieved;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which all the villages of the States are likely to be electrified?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

- (a) : Against the target of electrification of 4500 villages in Bihar including Jharkhand during the 9th Five Year Plan Period, as per Central Electricity Authority (CEA), 122 villages have been electrified during the same period.
- (b) : Target could not be achieved due to non-availability of adequate financial resources and financial losses of Bihar State Electricity Board.
- (c) : Bihar State is required to complete electrification of all villages by 2007.