

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PLANS FOR BUILDING RURAL INDIA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the time-bound plans for building rural India pertaining to irrigation, roads, housing, water supply, Telecom connectivity and electrification by 2009;
- (b) whether the proposal for inclusion of plans in remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan is under the consideration of the government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Bharat Nirman has been conceived as a business plan, to be implemented over a period of four years, for building infrastructure, especially in rural India. It has six components, namely, irrigation, roads, water supply, housing, rural electrification and rural telecom connectivity. The goals to be achieved by the year 2009 for each of the components are:

- (i) To bring an additional one crore hectares under assured irrigation;
 - (ii) To connect all villages that have a population of 1000 (or 500 in hilly/ tribal areas) with a road;
 - (iii) To construct 60 lakh additional houses for the poor;
 - (iv) To provide drinking water to the remaining 74000 habitations that are uncovered;
 - (v) To reach electricity to the remaining 1,25,000 villages and offer electricity connection to 2.3 crore households; and
 - (vi) To give telephone connectivity to the remaining 66,822 villages.
- (b) & (c): The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan is presently under finalisation.