

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to electrify the rural areas of Bihar through Non-Conventional Energy Sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide subsidy to Bihar under various schemes in Non-Conventional Energy for the rural electrification;
- (d) if so, the details of the percentages of the subsidy is being provided to States; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduytikaran Yojana of the Government, being implemented by the Ministry of Power, all the unelectrified villages in the country will be taken up for electrification. It has been estimated that out of 1,25,000 unelectrified villages, around 25,000 remote villages are those where grid connectivity may not be feasible or cost effective. All such villages in the country including those in Bihar, will be taken up for electrification by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources through non-conventional energy under its Remote Village Electrification Programme. A subsidy of 90% of the cost of electrification is provided as Central Financial Assistance for such villages. Firm proposals received from Bihar in this regard will also be taken up as per the provisions of the Programme.

(e): Does not arise.