

**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 Union Government has received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh for electrification of villages by Non-Conventional sources of energy in remote and forest areas of the State;

(a) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Madhya Pradesh is suitable for harnessing the Non-Conventional energy sources; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. (MPUVN), the implementing agency notified by the state government for electrification of villages through non-conventional energy sources in Madhya Pradesh, has recently submitted proposals for electrification of 10 villages in district Guna, 7 in district Satna and 37 villages in district Jhabua. These villages had earlier been identified by the Rural Electrification Corporation as remote and hence are suitable for electrification only through non-conventional energy sources. The total estimated project cost for electrification of these 54 villages has been placed at Rs. 502 lakhs.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Ministry is implementing various programmes for promoting use of non-conventional energy sources such as solar energy, wind energy, biogas, biomass, etc., in different parts of the country, including Madhya Pradesh. For this purpose, project based support is provided to various state nodal agencies including MPUVN, the nodal agency for promotion of non-conventional energy in Madhya Pradesh, in accordance with the guidelines of different programmes.