

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4407  
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES THROUGH NCES .  
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) Whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra regarding electrification of villages located in inaccessible and forest area through Non-Conventional Energy Sources;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposals are likely to be cleared;
- (c) Whether financial assistance is provided 40 per cent in the form of grants and 60 per cent as loan as per the rural electrification policy; and;
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry has so far supported two proposals for electrification of 177 remote un-electrified villages from the State of Maharashtra under the Remote Village Electrification (RVE) Programme.

The State also submitted a proposal during 2005-06 for electrification of 94 remote un-electrified villages through Solar Photovoltaic home lighting systems which was not approved for support as it was not in accordance with the scheme guidelines.

(c) & (d): Under the RVE programme, the Ministry provides subsidy of upto 90% cost of the project subject to bench-mark costs of various technological options used. Balance cost is to be met by the State/beneficiaries.