

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2548
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SOLAR ENERGY VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to announce some villages as solar energy villages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) the number of villages in different States where Solar plates have been installed to make them complete solar energy villages;
- (d) whether the quality of solar plates installed on houses is up the mark; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): No, Sir. There is no proposal to announce some villages as Solar Energy Villages in the country. However, under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of the Ministry, financial support is provided for electrification of remote, unelectrified villages and hamlets with different non-conventional energy sources such as solar energy. State-wise details of villages and hamlets wherein support has been sanctioned for electrification through solar energy are given in Table-1.

(d) & (e): No post installation survey to assess quality of solar systems installed under the Programme has so far been organized. However, under the Programme provisions, the state implementing agencies are required to use systems supplied by those manufacturers who have a valid test report from a centre authorized by the Ministry. This is to ensure installation of quality systems under the Programme.

TABLE-1

TABLE-1 Referred to in Reply to parts (a),(b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2548 for 18th August, 2006

NO. OF VILLAGES & HAMLETS TAKEN UP FOR ELECTRIFICATION THROUGH SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

S.No. State No. of villages

1	Arunachal Pradesh	189
2	Assam	72
3	Chattisgarh	325
4	Gujarat	38
5	Haryana	45
6	Jammu & Kashmir	140
7	Jharkhand	361
8	Karnataka	20
9	Kerala	558
10	Madhya Pradesh	99
11	Maharashtra	177
12	Manipur	174
13	Meghalaya	25
14	Mizoram	20
15	Orissa	18
16	Rajasthan	230
17	Tripura	535
18	Tamil Nadu	152
19	Uttar Pradesh	97
20	Uttranchal	363
21	West Bengal	1156