

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:726  
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2005  
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION  
Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of villages in the country is yet to be electrified;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether this work is not being completed in many States due to financial constraints;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI P.M. SAYEED )

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Details of un-electrified villages in the country are given at Annexure I.

(c) to (e) : The work of extending rural electrification had generally been slowing down in quite a few States due to the increasing financial difficulties of the State Electricity Boards combined with the poor realization of revenue from supply of electricity to rural areas.

In order to achieve the goal of providing access to electricity to all households in five years as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme, a new scheme `Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification` has been approved which inter alia provides for creation of rural electricity distribution backbone and village electrification infrastructure to cover all rural habitations. Under the scheme there is provision of 90% Capital Subsidy.

**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 726 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 04.03.2005.**

**Status of Village Electrification as on 31.3.2004**

Sl. No.	State inhabited villages as per 1991 census	Total No. of villages electrified	Total No. of unelectrified villages	Balance
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1	Andhra Pradesh	26586	26565	\$
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2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3649	2335	1314
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3.	Assam	24685	19081	5604
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4.	Bihar	38475	19251	19224
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5.	Jharkhand	29336	7641	21695
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6.	Goa	360	360	-
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7	Gujarat	18028	17940	\$
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8. Haryana	6759	6759	-
9. Himachal Pradesh	16997	16891	106
10 J&K	6477	6301	176
11. Karnataka	27066	26771	295
12. Kerala	1384	1384	-
13. Madhya Pradesh	51806	50474	1332
14. Chhattisgarh	19720	18532	1188
15. Maharashtra	40412	40351	\$
16. Manipur	2182	2043	139
17. Meghalaya	5484	3016	2468
18. Mizoram	698	691	7
19. Nagaland	1216	1216	-
20. Orissa	46989	37663	9326
21. Punjab	12428	12428	-
22. Rajasthan	37889	37276	613
23. Sikkim	447	405	42
24. Tamil Nadu	15822	15822	-
25. Tripura	855	818	37
26. Uttar Pradesh	97122	57042	40080
27. Uttaranchal	15681	13131	2550
28. West Bengal	37910	31705	6205
Total (States)	586463	473892	112401
Total UTs	1093	1090	\$

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# As per the new definition of village electrification (effect from 2004-05) total number of unelectrified villages is estimated to be around 1,25,000