

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing financial assistance to State implementing agencies engaged in electrification of remote villages and habitation through renewable energy sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage upto which the Central assistance is provided to meet the cost of setting up of renewable energy projects;
- (d) the outlay approved by the Government for the scheme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (e) the time by which the Government proposes to provide electricity through the renewable energy sources to all the rural households in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a),(b) & (c): The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is implementing Remote Village Electrification Programme for providing financial support to state identified implementing agencies for electrification of those remote unelectrified census villages and unelectrified hamlets of electrified census villages where grid extension is either not feasible or not cost effective and which are not taken up under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana for electrification through conventional energy. Such villages/hamlets are provided basic facilities for lighting /electricity through various renewable energy sources. Central Financial Assistance of up to 90% of the project costs, subject to pre specified maximum amount for each technology, is provided for approved projects for coverage under the programme.

(d): The financial outlay for the programme has been approved at Rs.867.89 crores for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(e): The time of completion depends upon the state governments identifying all the remote villages and submitting proposals for support.