

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:456
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2010
SUPPLY OF POWER TO INACCESSIBLE AND REMOTE VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken schemes/ programmes for providing power using non-conventional sources of energy, in inaccessible, difficult areas, including the tribal villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Orissa proposes to harness solar power for off-grid villages including the remote tribal villages in the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Government for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 456 for 27th August, 2010.

(a) & (b): The Ministry has been providing central financial assistance under the Remote Village Electrification Programme (RVE) for installation of renewable energy systems for lighting/ electricity in the remote villages and hamlets which are not likely to be connected by grid power under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojna. The Ministry has so far sanctioned lighting/ electrification of 8555 nos. of remote villages and hamlets in different parts of the country under this programme.

(c)&(d): The Rural Electrification Corporation Limited have identified 677 nos. of remote villages and hamlets in the State of Orissa to be provided lighting/ electrification under the RVE Programme. The Ministry has already sanctioned installation of solar energy systems, in all these villages. Of these, projects in 224 villages/ hamlets have already been completed.

(e): The Government provides central financial support upto 90% of the project cost for installation of non-conventional energy systems for lighting/ electrification in the remote villages and hamlets under the Remote Village Electrification Programme.