

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether hundreds of villages in Jammu & Kashmir are partly electrified/unelectrified/de-electrified and are remain without the electric supply for months during winter after snowfall snaps transmission lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include all these villages in a special package for providing solar and other alternate sources of energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c)&(d): The Remote Village Electrification Programme of the Ministry provides for financial support for provision of renewable energy systems in those un-electrified remote villages only where grid connectivity will not be feasible under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). Under the programme, Ministry has sanctioned projects for providing basic lighting facility in 440 numbers of villages and 20 numbers of hamlets in the state of Jammu & Kashmir.

Under another project on "Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative". 70 numbers of unelectrified villages are proposed to be covered through solar photovoltaic power plants. In addition, 30 numbers of small/ micro hydel projects and some other solar thermal devices and systems are also proposed to be taken up under the said project. However, there is no proposal at present for a special package to cover partly electrified/ unelectrified/ de-electrified villages with solar/ alternate sources.