

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

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VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION THROUGH RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to electrify remote villages in the country through renewable energy sources; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is implementing a Remote Village Electrification Programme for providing financial support 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 Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna for electrification through conventional energy. Such villages are provided basic facilities for lighting / electricity through various renewable energy sources.

Central Financial Assistance of upto 90% of the project costs, subject to pre specified maximum amount for each technology,is provided for approved projects for coverage under the programme.