

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

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TEST PROJECTS ON VILLAGE ENERGY SECURITY

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified villages for test projects on village energy security throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise;
- (c) the details of test projects undertaken in un-electrified remote village and hamlets, during the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the action plan formulated by the Government to promote such projects in rural areas?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): The Ministry has identified 79 villages/ hamlets for implementation of test projects in 10 States of the country. The State-wise number of test projects identified / undertaken, are given at Annexure.

(c) During the last three years, 20 test projects, of which 17 test projects (9 in Chhattisgarh, 5 in Maharashtra and 3 in Orissa) during 2008-09 and 3 test projects in Jharkhand during 2009-10 were undertaken in un-electrified remote village and hamlets by the Ministry. During 2010-11 and the current year, no test projects could have been undertaken, as during Mid-Term Appraisal of 11th Five Year Plan carried out by Planning Commission in September, 2009, 'it was decided to concentrate on consolidating the projects already taken up for implementation'. It was also decided that no new test projects will be supported.

(d): No new action plan has been made since the closure of the test projects.