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RENEWABLE ENERGY IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) the details of target set and achievements made under Remote Village Electrification Programme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan so far, year-wise, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilized by various State Governments under the Programme, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the remaining unelectrified remote villages are likely to be electrified?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Ministry has set a target of 10,000 Villages/Hamlets under the Remote Village Electrification (RVE) Programme in the 11th Plan. However, State-wise targets are not set under the RVE Programme and projects are sanctioned on the basis of proposals submitted by the State implementing agencies as per the guidelines of the scheme. The state-wise details of villages and hamlets taken up during the current Five Year Plan are given in the Annexure-I.

(b): State-wise details of funds released for utilization in approved projects by various State Governments during the current five-year plan are given in Annexure-II.

(c): The Remote Village Electrification (RVE) Programme is approved upto March, 2012 and a target of 10,000 villages/hamlets has been set under the 11th Plan. However, as per the Rural Electrification Policy 2006, villages/habitations where grid connectivity would not be feasible or not cost effective, and where off-grid solutions based on stand-alone systems/ isolated lighting technology like SPV are used for providing basic lighting, etc., such villages/hamlets may not be designated as electrified.