

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VILLAGE ENERGY SECURITY PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fulfilled the energy requirements of all far flung villages in terms of cooking food and electrification under Village Energy Security Programme during the 11th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether the target set to cover the number of villages has been downsized under the Scheme and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the target set for remaining villages has been assessed during the current Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds allocated to each State for the same and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) :The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) had started a pilot scheme during 10th Plan namely, Village Energy Security Test Projects under which a few test villages were undertaken to meet their energy requirements through biomass. MNRE had identified 79 villages/ hamlets for implementation of test projects in 10 States of the country, of which 20 test projects were undertaken during 11th Five Year Plan in un-electrified remote villages and hamlets. The State-wise number of test projects identified for implementation, are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of Test Project
1.	Assam	14
2.	Chhattisgarh	15
3.	Gujarat	2
4.	Jharkhand	3
5.	Madhya Pradesh	9
6.	Maharashtra	10
7.	Orissa	15
8.	Tamil Nadu	4
9.	Uttarakhand	4
10.	West Bengal	3
	Total	79

(c) to (e) :MNRE has informed that during Mid-Term Appraisal of 11th Five Year Plan carried out by the 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.