

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

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ELECTRIFICATION OF RURAL /FOREST AREAS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides any financial assistance to State Governments for the electrification of rural/forest areas in the country through the non-conventional energy sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount of funds/grants allocated to the State Governments for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is implementing Remote Village Electrification Programme for providing financial support for basic facilities of lighting / electrification of those remote unelectrified census villages and unelectrified hamlets of electrified census villages in rural/forest areas in the country 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.

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.

(c): The funds released during the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year

2006-07	: Rs. 57.14 crore
2007-08	: Rs. 133.04 crore
2008-09	: Rs. 88.81 crore
2009-10 (upto 31-10-2009)	: Rs. 26.92 crore