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Solar Light System in Maharashtra

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

- (a) the number of villages covered under the solar lighting system in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of such villages which are tribal dominated and economically backward;
- (c) the criteria fixed by the Government for the implementation of the solar lighting system in villages; and
- (d) the funds spent for the solar lighting system in Maharashtra during the last three years and the progress/achievements made therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a)&(b): A total of 340 villages were covered under solar lighting systems in Maharashtra. All these villages are tribal dominated and economically backward.
- (c): The criteria for the implementation of solar lighting systems in villages under Remote Village Electrification Programme is as follows:
- (i) All census un-electrified villages and their hamlets not covered under then Rajiv Gandhi Grameen ViduytikaranYojana, as confirmed by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).
 - (ii) Un-electrified hamlets of electrified census villages having population of more than 300 and which are situated at least 3 kms from the nearest distribution transformer of the Grid.
 - (iii) Un covered households which existed as on 31.12.2008, of eligible villages and hamlets which have been earlier taken up under Remote Village Electrification Programme. The list of such households/ names of such beneficiaries should be endorsed by the village panchayat and subsequently by the Block Development Officer or the Chief Development Officer of the District Collector.
- (d): Rs. 36.42 Lacs has been utilized on comprehensive maintenance contract (CMC) for the systems installed during the period 2004-05 to 2008-09 under Remote Village Electrification Programme. No new systems were installed and so expenditure is on CMC. The achievement /progress is given in Annexure.