

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Electrification of Remote Villages

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has covered villages under Remote Village Electrification Programme in the country and if so, the criteria fixed by the Union Government in this regard;
- (b) the number of remote villages electrified so far and the number of them yet to be electrified and the time-frame for the same, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals for electrification of villages situated in inaccessible areas including backward villages and remote villages in the forest areas through new and renewable energy sources during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of such proposals approved, and number of them are still lying pending for approval, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government is aware that most of solar lighting system is not functioning properly and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same and the steps taken/being taken by the Government for properly maintaining comprehensive contract for the solar system installed in the villages?

Answer

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : Yes, Madam. Government has implemented Remote Village Electrification Programme (RVEP) under Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) in various States to provide basic lighting through Renewable Energy Sources in un-electrified villages and hamlets of electrified census villages. The criteria was the villages with population more than 300; the Village should be situated at least 3 Kms from the nearest distribution transformers of the Grid and were not covered under Rajeev Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). The un-covered households which existed as on 31.12.2008, of eligible villages and hamlets which had been earlier taken up under RVEP also included in the criteria.

(b) : MNRE has covered 9006 villages and 2329 hamlets under RVEP so far. State-wise list furnishing number of electrified villages including Gujarat is given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) : Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) also provides for electricity access through renewable energy to inaccessible and remotely situated un-electrified villages/habitations where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective. The State-wise details of projects approved during the last three years and the current year including the backward villages and remote villages, is given at Annexure-II. No proposal is pending for approval.

(e) : Solar Lighting Systems under RVEP are installed with 5 years maintenance. No complaint has been received till now by the MNRE about the non-functioning of Solar Lighting Systems.
