

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**ELECTRIFICATION OF REMOTE VILLAGES**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is taking up the electrification for remote villages throughout the country by providing Solar Energy Programme;
- (b) if so, the areas, villages and towns taken up in every State and the unit cost, supporting maintenance and other relevant details thereof; and
- (c) whether expansion scheme is proposed in any other target area?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

(Dr. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a),(b)&(c): The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is implementing Remote Village Electrification Programme for providing financial support for lighting / basic electrification in those remote unelectrified census villages and unelectrified hamlets of electrified census villages in various states where grid extension is not found feasible by the State Governments and hence are not covered under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna. Such villages/hamlets are provided basic facilities for lighting/electricity through various renewable energy sources including solar energy. Central Financial Assistance of up to 90% of the costs of systems, subject to pre specified maximum amount for each technology, is provided for approved projects for coverage under the Programme. The CFA sanctioned by the Ministry includes the cost of a 5 year Annual Maintenance Contract with the suppliers.