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MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION USING RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken schemes/programmes for providing power using renewable sources of energy in remote and rural villages in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided for the scheme during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

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(a) & (b): The Ministry is implementing Remote Village Electrification Programme for providing financial support for lighting / basic electrification using renewable energy sources in those remote villages where grid extension is not found feasible by the state governments and hence are not covered under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana. No proposal has been received under this Programme from the state of Bihar. Further, the Ministry is also implementing in various states, including Bihar, programmes for distributed/off grid power generation in rural areas using biomass and solar energy. 30 rice husk based biomass gasifier systems for electricity generation have so far been installed in rural areas of Bihar under this Programme and an amount of Rs.136.08 lakhs has been released towards Ministry's financial assistance.