GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6259 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018

ELECTRIFICATION OF REMOTE VILLAGES IN ASSAM

6259. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any steps for electrification of off-grid/unelectrified census villages situated in remote areas of river Brahmaputra through new and renewable energy sources, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds released by the Union Government to Assam during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the details of the present target and plan of the Government to electrify villages in remote areas of Assam through new and renewable energy sources?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

- (a): In Brahmaputra area, 214 villages have been electrified with Solar PV Standalone System and Solar PV Micro Grid System.
- (b): A grant of Rs.119.13 crore has been released to Government of Assam during the last three years and the current year (up to 27.03.2018) for electrification of remote villages of Assam through off-grid solution.
- (c): As reported by the State of Assam, there were 2,892 un-electrified census villages in the State as on 01.04.2015; which have now been electrified, excluding 160 villages found as uninhabited/grazing reserve.
