GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3152 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019

ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES

3152. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for electrification of all un-electrified villages across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to work out off-grid solutions for electrification of villages located in far flung areas where grid extension is neither feasible nor cost effective?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c): As reported by the States, all the inhabited census villages across the country stand electrified on 28.04.2018. There were 18,452 unelectrified villages in the country as reported by the States on 01.04.2015. Additional 1,227 villages were subsequently reported un-electrified by the States. During the execution of the programme 1305 villages were found uninhabited/permanent grazing reserve; and the remaining 18,734 villages were electrified. Out of them, 2762 villages were electrified through offgrid solutions.
