GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-672

ANSWERED ON-22/07/2021

SOLAR POWERED LIGHTING SYSTEM

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

- (a) the number of villages covered under Solar Powered Lighting System in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the number of tribal majority and economically backward villages out of the said villages;
- (c) the criteria laid down by the Government for the implementation of the said system in villages; and
- (d) the amount spent for the said system in Chhattisgarh during the last three years along with the progress/achievements made in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (d) The state of Chhattisgarh has reported that 941 villages have been covered under Solar Powered Lighting System in Chhattisgarh and all of these are tribal majority and economically backward villages.

Villages which are situated in dense forest areas and where electrification work through conventional means was difficult and expensive, have been electrified through Solar Powered Lighting System.

Electrification of these 941 villages was completed before 04.04.2018. An amount of Rs. 382.86 Crore was spent in the last three years on these projects.
