

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 274
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016

SOLAR LIGHT SYSTEM IN MAHARASHTRA

274. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

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

- (a) the number of villages covered under the solar lighting system in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of such villages which are tribal dominated and economically backward;
- (c) the criteria fixed by the Government for the implementation of the solar lighting system in villages; and
- (d) the funds spent for the solar lighting system in Maharashtra during the last three years and the progress/achievements made therefrom?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): A total of 340 villages were covered under solar lighting systems in Maharashtra. All these villages are tribal dominated and economically backward.

(c): The criteria for the implementation of solar lighting systems in villages under Remote Village Electrification Programme is as follows:

(i) All census un-electrified villages and their hamlets not covered under then Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, as confirmed by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).

(ii) Un-electrified hamlets of electrified census villages having population of more than 300 and which are situated at least 3 kms from the nearest distribution transformer of the Grid.

(iii) Un covered households which existed as on 31.12.2008, of eligible villages and hamlets which have been earlier taken up under Remote Village Electrification Programme. The list of such households/ names of such beneficiaries should be endorsed by the village panchayat and subsequently by the Block Development Officer or the Chief Development Officer of the District Collector.

(d): Rs. 36.42 Lacs has been utilized on comprehensive maintenance contract (CMC) for the systems installed during the period 2004-05 to 2008-09 under Remote Village Electrification Programme. No new systems were installed and so expenditure is on CMC. The achievement /progress is given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 274 for reply on 25/02/2016.

Physical Progress of implementation of Remote Village Electrification Programme (as on 31/01/2016)

State	Total Villages Sanctioned	Villages Completed	Total Hamlets Sanctioned	Hamlets Completed
Maharashtra	353	340*	0	0

**Note : 13 villages have been cancelled by the State Government as they were taken up for grid electrification.*