

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations contained in the Report of National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) are under consideration.

**Salaries of Madarsa teachers in U.P.**

3660. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers of various Madarsas in UP have not been paid their salaries for the last three years due to bureaucratic delays being caused in the implementation of PM's 15 point programme for upliftment of minorities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the funds released under Scheme for Providing Quality & Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development so far and how much is proposed to be released in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c) Financial assistance to State Government of Uttar Pradesh released under the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsa (SPQEM) during the last three years is given below:

Year	Rs. In lakh
2007-08	3010.54
2008-09	4479.3
2009-10	3190.47

Disbursement of salary is to be done by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. Further release of financial assistance depends upon receipt of proposals from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, submission of utilization certificates for the funds previously released and availability of resources.

**Rural electrification through renewable sources**

3661. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is the intention of Government to electrify 10,000 villages with renewable sources by March, 2012;

- (b) the sources of energy that have been identified for the same;
- (c) whether the beneficiary villages have been identified for the same; and
- (d) whether there are any employment targets also for the said project?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) The Ministry is implementing Remote Village Electrification Programme for providing financial support for lighting/basic electrification in those remote unelectrified census villages and unelectrified hamlets of electrified census villages where grid extension is not found feasible by the State Governments and hence are not covered under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna. Such villages/hamlets are provided basic facilities for lighting/electricity through various renewable energy sources such as solar, small hydro, biomass etc. A target for coverage of 10000 such villages and hamlets has been set for the Remote Village Electrification Programme for 11th Plan Period. A total number of 8874 remote villages / hamlets have so far been shortlisted by the concerned state governments which have also been endorsed by the Rural Electrification Corporation for non-coverage under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana, for coverage under Remote Village Electrification Programme.

- (d) There is no such provision under the programme.

#### **Investment in wind energy**

3662. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, according to a report, Tata Power aims to produce 25 per cent of its total power generation from clean source by 2017 and will invest around Rs. 5,000 crore in wind energy and whether Government is also aiming to generate power from renewable energy sources on the pattern of Tata Power; and
- (b) if so, the details of such project?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by Tata Power, it plans to produce 25% of its power from clean sources like Wind, Solar Hydro, Geothermal and Waste Gases by 2017. This would include around 100 to 150 MW of wind power capacity to be added every year till 2017 depending on availability of sites.

The Government is already promoting setting up of projects for generation of power from renewable energy sources in private as well as public sector through an attractive framework of fiscal