

villages/hamlets of Bihar have been getting electricity from rice husk. In addition, one such system is under installation at Md. Devipura Village of District Bahraich, UP. MNRE is making efforts to promote such systems in West Bengal, Orissa, Maharastra, Tamil Nadu and other rice producing states in association with state government, NGOs etc based on sustainable business model.

(d) MNRE has been supporting setting up of power projects through biomass gasification as well as biomass combustion technologies in rice producing states of the country using surplus agro industrial and agricultural residues including rice husk.

#### **Electrification of remote villages**

1351. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has recently decided to electrify remote villages across the country with renewable energy sources by 2012;

(b) if so, the details of villages to be electrified;

(c) whether any plans have been formulated to electrify all the villages with renewable energy sources in a specific time period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy 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. A target for coverage of 10000 such villages and hamlets has been set for the Remote Village Electrification Programme for 11th Plan Period.

#### **Requirements for generation of power from renewable sources**

1352. SHRIMATI SHO BHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state: