

proposal to Government for electrification of 185 villages situated in remote and forest areas;

(b) by when Government would approve the amount for the same; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, the Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. (MPUVNL) has been working with the MNES for taking up electrification of remote un-electrified villages.

Out of proposals submitted by MPUVNL before 2004-05, MNES has provided financial support for electrification in 48 villages.

During 2005-06, a decision was taken to provide MNES support to only those villages which are verified by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for unfeasibility of electrification through grid connectivity. REC has so far identified 175 such villages in Madhya Pradesh. MPUVNL had submitted proposals for electrification through non-conventional energy sources of 57 of these villages. During 2005-06, MNES has approved support for electrification of 50 of these villages.

Strengthening of T&D system in Jhabua, M.P.

†3136. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a demand letter to NTPC to strengthen the transmission and distribution system of power in district Jhabua;

(b) if so, by when the funds would be sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Detailed Project Report (DRP) for Rs. 1.17 crore under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for the Jhabua District of Madhya Pradesh was considered by the Steering Committee in its meeting held on 20.09.2004 but was not approved by the Committee due to slow progress in utilization of funds under APDRP. The approval of new schemes would depend upon the satisfactory progress under APDRP.

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