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Based on inputs provided by the States in the conference, Government have finalized and approved the National Sports Policy, 2001. Under the policy, the Union Government has undertaken to actively supplement the efforts of the State Governments towards broad basing of sports and for tapping the latent talent, including in the rural and tribal areas. Efforts are also being made for tapping the latent potential from geographically endowed areas such as swimming in coastal areas and archery in tribal areas. Schemes such as Rural Sports Scheme, Scheme Relating to Infrastructure, National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) and Special Area Games (SAG) have been reviewed and are being implemented to achieve these objectives.

**Electrification of villages with the help of solar energy**

†\*56. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of villages to be electrified during Tenth Five Year Plan with the help of solar energy;

(b) the number of proposals pending with Government for approval for electrification of villages with the help of solar energy and State-wise/proposal-wise details of such proposals alongwith the date of pendency of such proposals;

(c) the reasons for pendency of such proposals with Government;

(d) whether Government have taken any necessary action so far for granting approval to the said proposals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) No such targets have been fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan for electrification of villages through solar energy;

(b) to (e) Necessary action is taken immediately after a proposal for village electrification is received by the Ministry. The proposal is approved if it is in consonance with laid down guidelines and procedures. Where necessary, additional information and clarifications are sought. Further action is taken after a suitable response has been received. As such, there is no pendency of village electrification proposals in the Ministry.

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