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West Bengal	BIPV	2		
	Stand alone	5 villages	16.4	5.00
	Power Plant	2 schools	100.0	2318.26*
			4.2	2.62

BIPV - Building Integrated Photovoltaic System

\* This includes release of funds to the State agencies during 2005-06 & 2006-07 for both on-going and completed projects for installation of solar photovoltaic systems/power plants sanctioned under the remote village electrification programme.

### **Persistent drop-out of students**

\*211. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the children in the age group of 6-12 years are getting dropped out from schools persistently in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any concrete policy to enhance the enrolment of such children in schools to reduce the drop-out rate; and

(c) if so, the salient features of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Drop-out rates have been declining steadily since launch of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. The dropout rate at primary level declined from 39.03% in 2001-02 to 28.49% in 2004-05.

A multi-pronged approach has been adopted under SSA for reducing drop-out rates. One set of interventions relates to strengthening of schools and improving the quality of education through improvement in school infrastructure, recruitment of additional teachers, annual school grants, regular training of teachers, regular academic support to teachers etc. In addition, several interventions under SSA also aim at community support, flexible schooling for children who are dropouts, older children or children in difficult circumstances, and special provisions to promote education of girls, children from disadvantaged sections of society or children with special needs.

### **Electrification of Rajasthan villages through solar and bio-gas energy**

\*212. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified through solar and bio-gas energy in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have launched any scheme/programme to provide energy derived from sun and bio-gas to rural areas of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and