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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

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**ADOPTING VILLAGES IN AFGHANISTAN**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether India is considering to help Afghanistan by adopting some of their villages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI E. AHAMED]**

(a) - (b) Yes. Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh during his visit to Afghanistan on August 28-29, 2005 announced that India would adopt 100 villages in Afghanistan to promote integrated rural development by introducing solar electrification and rainwater harvesting using technologies that have been developed and successfully demonstrated in India. These proposals are being finalised in consultation with the Government of Afghanistan.