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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of priorities and programmes of the Government about the goal of power for all by 2012;
- (b) whether the Government propose to review the rural electrification programme in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Power Grid Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rural Electrification Corporation recently in order to boost rural electrification in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : According to the National Common Minimum Programme household electrification is to be completed in five years in all States.

For achieving this target, a new rural electrification strategy has been drawn up, which envisages:

(i) Creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) of 33/11 KV substations, with at least one such substation in each block appropriately networked and linked to the State transmission system.

(ii) Creation of Village Electricity Infrastructure (VEI) by providing Distribution Transformer(s) with at least one such transformer in every village.

(iii) Rural Households Electrification of unelectrified households from village distribution transform(s).

(iv) Decentralized distributed generation system for such villages where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective.

(d) & (e) : Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 14th July, 2004, for providing assistance in formulation, development and implementation of the rural electrification projects in the states.