

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:110  
ANSWERED ON:13.07.2004  
GRAM URJA PARIYOJANA  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Gram Urja Pariyojana in the country to provide power to the villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide power to the North-Eastern States on priority while implementing this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be completed and the number of villages to be covered in the first phase under this scheme; and
- (f) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the quantum of funds earmarked for the first phase of the scheme?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.110 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 13.07.2004 REGARDING GRAM URJA PARIYOJANA.

(a) to (f): According to the National Common Minimum Programme household electrification is to be completed in five years including North-Eastern States.

For achieving this target, a 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 Household Electrification of unelectrified households from village distribution transformer( s).
- (iv) Decentralized distributed generation system for such villages where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective.

Based on the above strategy, details of the scheme and requirement of funds are being worked out.