

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether out of total power generation in the country only 26 per cent power is being utilized in the rural areas, whereas 86 per cent villages are electrified;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of villages electrified during each of the last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch any special scheme/programme in this regard for the backward and tribal areas of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the concrete steps taken by the Government to electrify the remaining villages in a fixed time frame;
- (g) whether there is any contradiction in the version of the Ministry of Power and Rural Electrification Corporation regarding figures of electrified and non-electrified villages of the country; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. As reported by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the ultimate consumption of electrical energy in rural areas including domestic, agriculture, commercial, industrial, etc. of the country was about 50% of the total consumption of electrical energy under utility systems during 2003-04.

(c) : The total number of villages electrified during the last three years state-wise is at Annexure-I. The expenditure incurred thereon state-wise is at Annexure-IIA, IIB & IIC.

(d) & (e) : Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) launched in April, 2005 envisages electrification of all un-electrified villages and providing access to all households by 2009 including backward and tribal areas. 12 focus states namely Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Uttaranchal, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan under RGGVY cover majority of the tribal and backward area.

(f) : Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) integrates actions to be taken by Government of India, State Government and the utilities so as to expedite the creation of electricity infrastructure in rural areas.

Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.(REC), the nodal agency for the scheme, has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with CPSUs like National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), National Hydro Electric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) and Damodar Valley Corporation Limited (DVC) to make available their project management expertise and capabilities to states wishing to avail their services. CPSUs have, on the request of State Governments, taken 134 districts for rural electrification work under the scheme.

Rural Electrification projects in 311 districts have been sanctioned so far under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, covering 69,073 unelectrified villages.

(g) & (h) : No, Sir.