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SETTING UP OF POWER DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up power distribution transformers in each village of the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these are likely to be set up;
- (c) the total outlay prescribed for rural power distribution during the current year;
- (d) whether the scheme to electrify 1.25 lakh villages is being completed on an year to year basis;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. There is a provision for erection of at least one Distribution Transformer of appropriate capacity in each village of the country as a component of Village Electricity Infrastructure envisaged under `Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana` (RGGVY). Under the scheme, Government proposes to electrify all un- electrified villages/habitations and provide access to electricity to all rural households in un-electrified and electrified villages in the entire country by 2009.

(c) : An outlay of Rs. 3000 crore has been provided in year 2006-07 under RGGVY.

(d) & (e) : There are more than 1.25 lakh un-electrified villages in the country. Ministry of Power has kept a target to electrify around one lakh villages under this scheme. Year-wise targets of village electrification are as below:-

Year	No. of villages to be electrified
2005-06	10,000
2006-07	40,000
2007-08	40,000
2008-09	10,000
Total:	1,00,000

Balance around 25,000 villages are in remote areas and are being covered by Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources under their remote village electrification programme. The scheme will be subject to evaluation and a view on its continuation for implementation during 11th Plan will be taken after a comprehensive review towards the end of 10th Plan. Village Electricity infrastructure, has been provided to 9819 villages in 2005-06 against a target of 10,000 villages.

(f) : Question does not arise