

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN VIDYUTIKARAN YOJANA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any target has been fixed under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07;
- (b) if so, the targets fixed and achieved so far, State-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for the shortfalls in achieving the targets in each of the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Under Government of India's scheme Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), a target of electrification of 10,000 villages in 2005-06 and electrification of 40,000 villages in 2006-07 was fixed. Village Electricity infrastructure has been provided to 9819 villages in 2005-06 against a target of 10,000 villages. The state-wise and year-wise targets vis-à-vis achievement of village electrification under RGGVY is given at Annexure-I.

(c) : Constant follow-up and vigorous persuasion, both by Ministry of Power

(MOP) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) Ltd. has resulted in achievement of the national target of village electrification during 2005-06. However, the states of Uttaranchal and West Bengal have reported achievements less than their annual targets. The initial teething problems e.g. finalization of awards of contracts on turn-key basis, mobilization of major materials and field constraints including climatic vagaries etc. are the reasons attributable to the non achievement of annual targets of village electrification by these states during 2005-06. However, these states have now reportedly geared-up, not only for covering the backlog of the previous year but also to achieve current year targets of village electrification.