

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:79
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2007
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages covered under the Sampooran Vidyutikaran Yojana in each State during the last three years, till date;
- (b) the total funds released by the Government during the period and spent by each State;
- (c) whether any difficulty is being faced in carrying out the electrification work in the States since most of villages fall under the forests area;
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for addressing the said difficulty; and
- (e) the number of districts/villages targeted to be electrified during 2007-08?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

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

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 79 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2007 REGARDING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION.

(a) : For electrification of all the un-electrified villages as also to provide access of electricity to all the rural households in the country, Government of India had launched Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in April 2005. The year-wise achievement for village electrification since the launch of the programme is given as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Achievement (No. of villages electrified)
1.	2005-06	9,819
2.	2006-07	20,743 (uptil 23.2.2007)
Total		30,562

State-wise achievement under RGGVY is at Annex-I.

(b) : As on 23.2.2007 capital subsidy released by Ministry of Power under RGGVY is to the tune of Rs.3285.75 crore.

Funds under RGGVY are released commensurating with the progress reported by the implementing agencies who have reported having spent the amount disbursed so far to them. State-wise disbursement details are given at Annex-II.

(c) & (d) : So far only Jharkhand Government sought assistance of Ministry of Power in seeking an early forest clearance for construction of lines through forest areas under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana. The Ministry of Power accordingly has taken up the matter with the concerned Ministry.

(e) : Electrification works under RGGVY will be completed in 40000 villages during 2007-08.