

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages electrified in the country in the first phase under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana so far;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to transfer some of the electrification work to the Vidyut Parishads of the concerned States in view of the slow pace of the scheme being run by the Power Grid Corporation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : The implementing agencies have reported electrification of 32052 unelectrified villages and intensive electrification of 7413 electrified villages under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, during 1st phase, as on 2.3.2007, since the launch of the programme in April 2005.

(b) to (d) : No, Sir. Nine State Governments have consciously decided for availing project management expertise and services of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

(PGCIL) by assigning implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in their 68 districts. Accordingly, all these nine States have executed quadripartite agreements involving concerned State Government, State power utility, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and Power Grid. None of these nine States, so far has approached REC regarding slow pace of execution of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana projects by Power Grid in these 68 districts.