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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of un-electrified villages in the country, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the target fixed and achieved in terms of village electrification during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has not achieved the desired result;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which all villages in the country are likely to be electrified?

Answer

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

(a) : As on 31.08.2007, there are 1,00,398 un-electrified villages in the country. State-wise details are at Annex.

(b) : The Tenth Plan proposed to cover all 62,000 villages that could be electrified through grid extension. Against this target, the achievement has been electrification of 47,816 villages i.e. 77.12%. The targets fixed and achieved in terms of village electrification during the Tenth Five Year Plan, year-wise, under various schemes are as under :-

Year Target Achievement

2002-03	-	2,626
2003-04	24,011	2,781
2004-05	23,861	3,884
2005-06	10,000	9,819
2006-07	40,000	28,706

Source – Central Electricity Authority and REC

(c) & (d) : Electrification is a concurrent subject. Section 6 of the Electricity Act, 2003 stipulates that the concerned State Government and the Central Government shall jointly endeavour to provide access to electricity to all areas including villages and hamlets through rural electricity infrastructure and electrification of households. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) as a Nodal agency of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana has been facilitating speedier implementation of the scheme by coordinating with all the stakeholders involved in the implementation. REC has provided the necessary framework for adoption in the project implementation/execution.

(e) : All the un-electrified villages are envisaged to be electrified by 2009 under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, except remote villages under the programme of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.