

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has envisaged a special package for speedy rural electrification in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose during 2006-07 and 2007-08, State-wise;
- (d) whether some private companies are engaged in the implementation of Rural Electrification Programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. For speedy rural electrification, the Government of India in April 2005 introduced Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) for providing access of electricity to all rural households by 2009 in the country. The scheme aims at electrification of about one lakh villages and providing access of electricity to 7.8 crore rural households including 2.34 crore BPL households. Ninety per cent capital subsidy is provided towards overall cost of the projects under the scheme. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) is the nodal agency for the scheme.

(b) : State-wise details of RGGVY projects received, sanctioned, approved in principle and under process are given at Annexure-I.

(c) : Funds under RGGVY are released in instalments commensurate with the progress reported by the implementing states. State-wise amount disbursed during 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) : RGGVY projects are being implemented by State Power Utilities and four Central Power Sector Undertakings(CPSUs) namely, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.(PGCIL), National Thermal Power Corporation(NTPC), National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Ltd.(NHPC) & Damodar Valley Corporation(DVC). Thirteen of twenty seven implementing states have assigned implementation of RGGVY works in 139 districts to these CPSUs. State-wise and CPSU-wise details of which are given at Annexure-III.