

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN VIDYUTIKARAN YOJANA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target set and achievements made in rural electrification programme under the `Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana` (RGGVY) during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the target fixed and allocation made by the Government under the Yojana for the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) whether due to slow pace of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, the Government proposes to revamp rural electrification programme in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : The Government had fixed RGGVY targets for electrification of 10,000 & 40,000 villages during 2005-06 & 2006-07 respectively. The implementing states/agencies have reported that electrification works have been completed in 10169 villages (including 350 intensive electrification) & 40233 villages (including intensive electrification of 11527 electrified villages) during 2005-06 & 2006-07 respectively. The implementing states/agencies have also reported release of 731527 rural household connections, including 672588 BPL household connections during 2006-07, though no target for rural households electrification was fixed during 10th Plan period.

(b) : After comprehensive review and evaluation of RGGVY programme implemented during X-Plan period, the Govt. has accorded approval for continuation of RGGVY during XI-Plan period. In Phase-I capital subsidy of Rs.28000 crore has been provided for electrification of about 1.15 lakh un-electrified villages and electricity connections to 2.34 crore BPL households by 2009. The Government had fixed a target for electrification of 40,000 villages and release of 48 lakh BPL household connections during current fiscal year (2007-08).

(c) & (d) : No, Sir. For effective and expeditious implementation of RGGVY and timely completion of projects, besides constant follow up & monitoring frequent review meetings are being conducted with the concerned State Governments, Implementing Agencies and CPSUs. A new milestone based monitoring system and web-based RGGVY reporting system has been developed. In addition, three tier quality monitoring system is proposed to be implemented to ensure quality of works under RGGVY.