

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3317  
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION  
Rawale Shri Mohan

**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes an action plan for rural electrification;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Finance has referred this plan to the concerned Ministry for review;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which this action plan is likely to be cleared and implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI P.M. SAYEED )

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : In order to achieve the goal of providing access to electricity to all households in five years as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme, a scheme has been prepared which inter-alia provides for creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone and Village Electrification Infrastructure. This is expected to involve an expenditure of the order of Rs.16,000 crores and it is proposed to enhance capital subsidy from the Government for this purpose. The Rural Electrification Corporation which would be the nodal agency for implementation of the scheme has taken advance action to facilitate early implementation of the scheme on its approval.