

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has pointed deficiencies of the Rural Electrification Programme in power sector as reported in the `Rashtriya Sahara`, Dated 26.01.2005;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has raised several objections to the said programme;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has formulated a fresh programme for rural electrification;
- (e) the total percentage of village in the country electrified so far and the funds incurred thereon during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (f) the number of villages targeted to be electrified during the year 2005-06 and Tenth Five Year Plan period under various schemes/programmes along with the total funds likely to be incurred thereon, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : A new scheme has been approved for the attainment of the objective of the National common Minimum Programme of completing household electrification in five years. Under this scheme 90% Capital Subsidy would be provided for :

(i) Creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone of 33/11 KV or 66/11 KV Substations.

(ii) Creation of Village Electricity Infrastructure.

(iii) Decentralized Distribution and supply system.

100% grant would be given for electrification of all Below Poverty Line

(BPL) unelectrified household.

(e) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) : The targets for rural electrification for the year 2005-06 are yet to be finalized.