

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any condition of supplying and distribution of electricity through franchise under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);
- (b) if so, whether the franchise models envisaged in RGGVY for rural distribution has been effective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether franchise models have been able to enhance consumer services and reduce losses as envisaged in implementation methodology under RGGVY;
- (e) if so, whether the Rural Electric Co-operative Societies franchise model in RGGVY has been appraised for its efficacy and performance; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

- (a) : Yes, Madam. Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), there is a condition to engage franchisee for electricity distribution management. However, the scope of franchisee and selection of specific franchisee model is to be decided by the respective State Power Utility.
- (b) to (d): Independent studies by The Energy Research Institute (TERI) and Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADE) have reported that the deployment of Franchisees have led to increase in revenue collection and enhancement in consumer services. The state-wise details of franchisees appointed are placed at Annex.
- (e) & (f): Under RGGVY, the State can adopt any franchisee model as per their requirement / suitability. However, no State has reported Rural Electric Co-operative franchisee model under RGGVY