

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ELECTRIFICATION WORK IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken steps to speed up the electrification work in the backward tribal areas of the North-Eastern Region, especially Bodoland Territorial Areas District;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more power plants in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The projects for all the districts in North Eastern Region have been sanctioned under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). State-wise progress of projects in North Eastern Region is at Annex-I. District-wise progress for the sanctioned projects under RGGVY in Assam including Bodoland Territorial Areas Districts, is at Annex-II. The following steps have been taken for the effective implementation of RGGVY:-

i) Government of India has set up an inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee which periodically meets to sanction projects and review progress of implementation.

(ii) States have been advised to set up district committees to monitor the progress of rural electrification works. All the states have notified formation of district committees.

(iii) The States have also been requested by MOP to hold monthly meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to resolve the bottlenecks in implementation of RGGVY.

(iv) Ministry of Power as well as Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the nodal agency for RGGVY, conduct frequent review meetings with all the stakeholders; the concerned State Governments, state power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme as per the agreed schedules.

(v) For speedier and effective implementation of projects, their execution has been taken up on turnkey basis.

(vi) To ensure qualitative execution of rural electrification works, a three tier quality control mechanism has been enforced under RGGVY.

(vii) Grant amount of BPL connection has been enhanced to Rs.2200/- in XI Plan from Rs.1500/- in X Plan.

(viii) To take care of the cost escalation, cost norms for village electrification has been revised upward.

(c) & (d) : The capacity addition planned in North-Eastern Region (NER) in 11th Plan totally to 663 MW is as below:

S1.	PLANT NAME	FUEL TYPE	LIKELY BENEFITS
No.	11TH PLAN (2007-12)		
	(MW)		
ASSAM			

1 BONGAIGAON TPP U 1,2 COAL 500

2 LAKWA WH GAS/LNG 37

TOTAL (ASSAM) 537

MEGHALAYA

1 MYNTDU St-I HYDRO 84

2 MYNTDU St-I ADDL UNIT HYDRO 42

TOTAL (MEGHALAYA) 126

TOTAL (NORTH-EASTERN REGION) 663

Further, a capacity of 390 MW in NER is being attempted under Best Efforts for completion in 11th Plan. The details are as under:-

Sl.No PLANT NAME FUEL TYPE BENEFITS 11TH
PLAN (2007-12) (MW)

ASSAM

1 BONGAIGAON TPP U 3 COAL 250

2 NAMRUP CCGT GAS/LNG 100

TOTAL (ASSAM) 350

MEGHALAYA

1 NEW UMTRU HYDRO 40

TOTAL (MEGHALAYA) 40

TOTAL (NORTH-EASTERN REGION) 390

Further, it may be mentioned that 5 Nos. H.E projects (above 25 MW) with an aggregate installed capacity of 2876 MW including that of 40 MW of `NEW UMTRU` and 126 MW of `MYNTDU` are presently under construction in NER.

In addition, 127 H.E. Schemes (above 25 MW) with an aggregate installed capacity of 57835.5 MW have been identified for allotment for benefits during 12th Plan and beyond in NE Region. Out of the above, 84 schemes with aggregate capacity of 33850.5 MW have already been allotted to Private Sector and another 15 schemes with aggregate capacity of 9707 MW have been allotted to Central Sector.

A list of Hydro projects under construction in North-eastern Region (NER) and Sikkim for benefits during 11th Plan and beyond is given at Annex-III.

The details of new proposed thermal power projects in NER is at Annex-IV.