

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether almost all the 25 KVA and 16 KVA transformers which were installed in Bihar under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana got burnt;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the responsibility of replacing burnt transformers and issuing connection to new consumers after electrification work lies with the State Government;
- (d) if so, the number of burnt transformers replaced by the State Government and the number of additional consumers given new connections;
- (e) in case the State Government does not have the capacity of re- establishing electrical connections of electrified villages, whether the Union Government is willing to give assistance again in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Some of the transformers have been reported to be burnt due to various reasons including overloading.
- (c): Once the village is handed over to the State Power Utilities, the concerned State Power Utility is required to maintain the infrastructure created under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana(RGGVY). This includes replacement of burnt transformers. Similarly the responsibility of issue of new connection rests with the State Power Utility, which may also necessitates augmentation of transformer capacity based on load requirement.
- (d): A few transformers under the warranty period have been replaced by the implementing agency of RGGVY. The State of Bihar has intimated that no new connection have been released to consumers by them whether the capacity of transformer is inadequate.
- (e) & (f): Government of India is willing to provide assistance to Bihar State and has already requested them to prepare supplementary Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for additional transformers, additional infrastructure and augmentation of 33/11 KVA sub-stations for achieving the 100% Below Poverty Line (BPL) coverage for the districts covered under 10th Plan RGGVY projects.