

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the efforts made so far to make the 'Mission 2012: Power for All' a success by 2012;
- (b) if so, the number of villages electrified in the Tenth Five Year Plan and number of villages to be electrified by 2012 in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the power production in the country is sufficient to meet the demand of electrification of villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the plans formulated/proposed to be formulated to generate more power during the Eleventh Five Year Plan to meet this demand?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : Government has been making all efforts to make 'Mission 2012; Power to all' a success by 2012. Rajiv Gandhi Vidyutikaran Yojana was launched in April, 2005 for providing access to electricity to all households in the country. Government of India has approved the continuation of the scheme in 11th Plan for attaining the goal of providing access to electricity to all households in the country. The state-wise no. of villages electrified under RGGVY projects sanctioned during 10th Plan is at Annex-I and no. of villages proposed to be electrified during 11th Plan under RGGVY is at Annex-II.

(e) : The following steps have been taken by the Government to increase availability of power in the country to meet the demand of 'Power to All by 2012':-

(i) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW from conventional energy sources has been set for the 11th Plan. Out of this, capacity of 15,325 MW has already been commissioned as on 13.07.2009.

(ii) Capacity of about 14,000 MW is planned to be added from renewable energy sources.

(iii) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each.

(iv) Harnessing surplus captive power into the grid. A capacity of 12,000 MW of captive power is likely to be added to the system during 11th Plan.

(v) Launching of 50,000 MW hydro initiative for accelerated development of hydro power in the country.

(vi) Renovation, Modernization & Life Extension of old and inefficient generation units.

(vii) Augmentation of manufacturing capacity of Power Project equipment manufacturers like Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd. (BHEL).

(viii) Promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

(ix) Development of an extensive network of high voltage transmission commensurate with the capacity addition programme and new inter- regional transmission capacities through the development of a National Grid.