

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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RGGVY

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a small percentage of rural households in the country have access to electricity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has included in its 100 days charter to revamp rural electrification programme under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide free electricity to the persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL); and
- (f) if so, the central assistance proposed to be provided to each State in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : As per 2001 census, out of a Total of 138,271,559 rural households in the country 60,180,685 rural households had access to electricity. The state-wise details of rural household electrification is at Annex.
- (c) : Yes, Madam.
- (d) : Targets for village electrification and connections to BPL households upto 30.09.2009 are 7000 and 20 Lakh respectively.
- (e) & (f) : Under RGGVY, BPL households will be provided free electricity connections. The rate of reimbursement for providing free connections to BPL households would be Rs.2200 per households.