

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN VIDYUTIKARAN YOJANA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of villages electrified and those yet to be electrified alongwith the number of Below Poverty Line people/households provided with electricity under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total funds released against sanctioned projects in various States/UTs during the above said period, project, year and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the implementation of the RGGVY is not satisfactory in certain States/UTs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure hundred per cent electrification of un-electrified villages in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a): Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), as on 15.07.2011, the electrification works in 98,174 un/de-electrified villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 167 lakh Below Poverty Line(BPL) households have been provided. The details of the total number of villages electrified and those yet to be electrified as per sanctioned DPR and the number of BPL connections provided under RGGVY during the last three years and the current year, State- wise, are at Annex-I & II, respectively.

(b): State-wise and Year-wise release of funds for the sanctioned projects under RGGVY for the last three years and the current year, is at Annex-III.

(c) & (d): There have been delays in some States in execution of the projects mainly for the following reasons:

- i) Delay in forest clearance for the land proposals required for execution of the Projects in some States.
- ii) Delay in land acquisition for 33/11 KV sub-stations by States.
- iii) Limited number of good agencies available for execution of turnkey contracts.
- iv) Delay in issuance of road permit and way bills in some States.
- v) Inadequate upstream transmission infrastructure in some States.
- vi) Delay in finalization of BPL lists by some States.
- vii) Delay in taking decision to waive state and local taxes on line materials by some States.
- viii) Difficult terrain in some States.

(e) : The following steps have been taken for effective implementation of the 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, the Government of India 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, execution of project 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) Benchmark, cost norms for village electrification has been revised upward