

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN VIDYUTI KARAN 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 the number of Below Poverty Line people/households provided with electricity under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the total number of villages in the country including remote and backward areas yet to be electrified under the RGGVY, State-wise;

(c) whether any internal/external audit or review has been conducted to benchmark the efficacy of the Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for providing free connection to all BPL households and electrification of all un- electrified villages in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), cumulatively as on 31.10.2011, the electrification works in 99,470 un/de- electrified villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 1,73,79,364 Below Poverty Line(BPL) households have been provided. The State-wise and Year-wise, details of coverage, achievement and balance number of un/de- electrified villages including remote and backward areas covered under RGGVY is at Annex-I. The State-wise and Year-wise, details of coverage, achievement and balance number of BPL households including remote and backward areas covered under RGGVY is at Annex-II.

(c) & (d): Audit of RGGVY in eight villages of Odisha has been conducted by The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) under United Nation Development Programme(UNDP). The finding of the audit is at Annex-III. REC has appointed M/s Sombodhi Research & Communication Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi for the assignment of evaluation of RGGVY programme in 500 villages spread across 10 (ten) states. REC has further appointed M/s TERI & M/S IRADe for evaluation of RGGVY programme in 125 villages of 25 districts across 5 states to each of the agency. Further M/s Tetra Tech India Ltd., New Delhi has been appointed for evaluation of RGGVY programme in 250 villages of 50 districts across 10 states. These Reports are awaited. Evaluation of RGGVY is also being conducted by Programme Evaluation Organization of Planning Commission.

(e): To provide free connections to all eligible BPL households and electrification of all un-electrified villages for sanctioned projects under RGGVY by the end of 11th Plan period, Ministry of Power and REC, the nodal agency for RGGVY, are regularly conducting review meetings to monitor the progress of RGGVY works under implementation. 32 projects to cover the remaining villages which were not covered under Phase-I of RGGVY are under examination in the Ministry as per the advice of Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission.