

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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ELECTRICITY FACILITY IN VILLAGES  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of villages in the country which are not yet connected to any power grid, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of villages in the country including Madhya Pradesh in which grid connectivity for electrifying through the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) is neither feasible nor financially viable, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures the Government has taken or proposes to take to connect such villages to the power grid?

**Answer**

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

(a) : As per census 2001, the total number of inhabited villages were 5,93,732 in the country including Union Territories. Out of this, 4,74,162 villages were electrified and 1,19,570 villages were un- electrified. Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana(RGGVY), 576 projects targeting to electrify 1.10 lakh un/de- electrified villages and intensive electrification of 3,48,987 partially electrified villages have been sanctioned in the country. Cumulatively, as on 29.02.2012, the electrification works in 1.02 lakh un/de- electrified villages and 2,43,707 partially electrified villages have been completed. The State-wise details of coverage and achievement of un/de-electrified villages for the sanctioned projects under RGGVY, as on 29.02.2012, is at Annex-I.

(b) & (c) : Ministry of New and Renewable Energy(MNRE) is implementing Remote Village Electrification(RVE) Programme for providing financial support for lighting/basic electrification in those remote un-electrified census villages and un-electrified hamlets of electrified census villages where grid extension is not found feasible by the State Governments and are not covered under RGGVY. The programme is implemented in the States by the State notified Implementing Agencies. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the nodal agency for RGGVY has given NOC to MNRE for 11421 villages and hamlets in the country including Madhya Pradesh for coverage under RVE programme. The details, state-wise, is at Annex-II.

RGGVY also provides for Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) from conventional or renewable (non-conventional) sources such as biomass, bio gas, mini hydro, solar, etc. for those villages where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective. So far, 148 DDG projects in Five(5) States covering 220 villages/hamlets have been sanctioned. The details of sanctioned DDG projects, state-wise, is at Annex-III.