

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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WORKS ASSIGNED TO REDB  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the works to be assigned through Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB), Village Electrification Infrastructure and Decentralised Distributed Generation System (DDG) under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in the country, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the details of measures taken under REDB, VEI and DDG for comprehensive development programme, creating employment opportunities and alleviating poverty in the country including Madhya Pradesh?

**Answer**

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

(a): Government of India launched Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) for providing access to electricity to rural households through extension of grid by creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB), creation of Villages Electricity Infrastructure (VEI) in un-electrified villages and strengthening of electricity infrastructure in partially electrified villages. Under RGGVY, 576 projects covering electrification of 1,10,886 Un/de-electrified Villages (UEV), intensive electrification of 3,48,859 Partially Electrified Villages (PEV) and release of free electricity connections to 230.10 lakh Below Poverty Line (BPL) households have been sanctioned during 10th Plan and Phase-I of 11th Plan in the country including Madhya Pradesh. As on 30.04.2012, the rural electrification infrastructure consisting of LT lines, HT lines and Distribution

Transformers has been created in 1,04,772 UE villages and in 2,50,109 PEV. Free electricity connections to 195.52 lakh BPL households have also been released under RGGVY. The details of electrification works completed in UEV, PEV and free electricity connections released to BPL households against the targeted coverage, as on 30.4.2012, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh are at Annex-I.

In addition to above, 72 projects consisting of 33 new projects including 16 projects of Madhya Pradesh and 39 supplementary projects including 4 projects of Madhya Pradesh have also been sanctioned recently under Phase-II of 11th Plan under RGGVY covering electrification of 1,909 un/de-electrified villages, intensive electrification of 53,505 partially electrified villages and release of electricity connections to 45.59 lakh BPL connections.

Under Decentralised Distributed Generation (DDG), 283 projects for electrification of 679 villages/hamlets have been sanctioned in the country including Madhya Pradesh. The details of these DDG projects, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh are at Annex-II.

(b) : Electrification of villages has resulted in socioeconomic improvements and villagers are able to utilize electrical appliances for additional comfort, convenience and education of their children. It has been reported that some economic activities like agarbatti making, bamboo items, etc. have started in some of the States.

DDG projects are sanctioned with a provision of non-domestic/productive loads besides household lighting load which would help in the overall development of these villages and create employment opportunities. DDG projects sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh have provision of load for Street lights, School, Atta Chakki etc. in addition to the Household lighting load.