

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages which have been electrified along with those yet to be electrified, particularly in the backward regions in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate a special programme for electrification of all the villages particularly in the backward regions in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, particularly for backward and rural regions; and
- (d) the time by which electrification of all the villages in the country, particularly those in the backward regions is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) : As per census 2001, the total number of inhabited villages in the country were 5,93,732 including rural and backward areas. Out of which, 4,74,162 villages were electrified. The balance 1,19,570 un-electrified villages were to be electrified.

The Government of India launched Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana – Programme for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification, in April, 2005 for providing access to electricity to rural households and providing free electricity single point connection to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. Under the scheme, 648 projects covering electrification of 1,12,795 un/de-electrified villages, intensive electrification of 3,96,336 partially electrified villages including backward regions and release of free electricity connections to 2,74,98,652 BPL households were sanctioned. As on 30.11.2012, the electrification works in 1,06,116 un/de-electrified villages, intensive electrification of 2,73,328 partially electrified villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 2,02,60,469 BPL households have been released. These projects cover rural areas of backward regions also.

(d) : The scheduled time for completion of electrification works for the awarded projects under RGGVY is 24 months from the date of award.