

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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FREE ELECTRICITY TO BPL UNDER RGGVY

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government provides free electricity to all Below Poverty Line (BPL) households under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of households that have been electrified so far, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to augment funds to provide access to electricity to the remaining BPL families;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Government of India provides free electricity connection to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families by creating Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) in villages /habitations under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). Under the scheme, 648 projects covering release of free electricity connections to 2,74,98,652 BPL households have been sanctioned. As on 31.01.2013, free electricity connections to 2,05,15,472 BPL households have been released under the scheme. State wise details are at Annex.

(c) to (e) Government has proposed to continue RGGVY in 12th Plan for covering of remaining villages/habitations and BPL families as per availability of funds.