

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ELECTRICITY IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of schools in rural areas of the country having access to electricity, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government propose to take any steps for providing electricity to all the Government schools in the rural areas of the country on top priority so that the computer education programme is not hampered; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the likely time frame by which electricity will be provided to all the schools in the rural areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Providing electricity connection to public places including schools falls under the purview of States/Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). Since Government of India does not provide subsidy for connections to schools and other public places under RGGVY, the details of electrified schools are not maintained centrally. However, as per the evaluation study of RGGVY carried out by 4 agencies in 20 different States on random sampling basis, almost 96% schools of the villages covered under evaluation study have been provided access to electricity.