

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has a plan to formulate special programmes for electrification of villages in the backward regions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which electrification of all the villages in the country is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Government of India launched `Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) – Programme for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification, in April 2005 for providing access to electricity to rural households and to provide free electricity connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the country. Under the scheme, 648 projects have been sanctioned covering electrification of 1,12,972 un/de- electrified villages (UEV), intensive electrification of 3,82,859 partially electrified villages (PEV) and release of free electricity connections to 2.77 crore BPL households in the country including backward regions. Cumulatively, as on 31.07.2013, the electrification works in 1,07,497 UE/DE villages and 2,99,690 PE villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 2.11 crore BPL households have been released in the country including backward regions.

(c) : The electrification of the remaining villages / habitations having population more than 100 is to be taken up for consideration as per the approved guidelines for 12th Plan RGGVY.