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ELECTRICITY TO BPL HOUSEHOLDS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Below Poverty Line (BPL) households provided free electricity connections under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT- wise;
- (b) whether the targets set in this regard have been achieved during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to provide free electricity connections to all the BPL households in the country within a fixed time frame?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), 648 projects have been sanctioned in the country to provide free electricity connections to 2.77 crore Below Poverty Line(BPL) households. Cumulatively, as on 31.07.2013, free electricity connections to 2.11 crore BPL households have been released under RGGVY. The year-wise target and achievement of release of free electricity connections to BPL households under RGGVY during last three years and current year are as under:-

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	(As on 31.07.2013)
Target	47,00,000	52,00,000	36,80,000	20,00,000	
Achievement	58,83,355	34,44,902	12,96,541	4,06,016	

These details, State-wise, is at Annex.

Target set for the year 2010-11 has been exceeded. However, targets set for 2011-12 and 2012-13 have not been fully achieved due to following reasons:

i. Due to various bottlenecks in village electrification in the balance villages like non-availability of up-stream network in few districts of Jharkhand, delay in forest clearance in Jharkhand, Odisha, Assam etc., delay in railway clearances in Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha, Naxal problem in Chhattisgarh, non-commissioning of sub-stations, the pace of village electrification has been slow down and consequently affected BPL household electrification.

ii. Delay in award of Phase-II projects (in Uttar Pradesh and in Bihar).

iii. Reduction in scope of coverage of villages and corresponding BPL households as they were either found already electrified or were inaccessible and, therefore, could not be electrified.

(d) : Providing free electricity connections to BPL households in remaining villages and habitations having population more than 100 is to be taken up for consideration as per the approved guidelines for 12th Plan RGGVY.