

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

- (a) the details of the number of people in the country who do not have access to electricity at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the rural areas in various States of country which does not have access to electricity and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds allocated and spent therefrom under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduytikaran Yojana (RGGVY) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether repair and maintenance work of electrical system is carried out regularly and satisfactorily in the rural areas which have been electrified; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : As per 65th Round of Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) for 2008-09, at the all-India level, about 75 per cent households had electricity for domestic use. Only 66 per cent households in rural areas and 96 per cent in urban areas had this facility. Proportion (per 1000) of households with electricity for domestic use for each State/UT is at Annex-I.

The Government of India launched `Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduytikaran Yojana (RGGVY) – Programme for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification, in April 2005 for providing access to electricity to rural households and release of free electricity connections to BPL households in the country. Under RGGVY, 648 projects (235 projects during X Plan, 341 projects during XI Plan and 72 projects during Phase-II of RGGVY) have been sanctioned covering electrification of 1,12,975 un/de- electrified villages (UEV), intensive electrification of 3,88,740 partially electrified villages (PEV) and release of free electricity connections to 2.77 crore BPL households in the country. Cumulatively, as on 30.06.2013, the electrification works in 1,07,415 UE/DE villages and 2,98,211 PE villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 2.09 crore BPL households have been released. The State wise coverage and achievement under RGGVY is at Annex-II.

(c) : There is no upfront allocation of funds for any State/district under RGGVY. Funds are released against sanctioned projects in instalments based on the utilization of amount in the previous installment(s) as prescribed and fulfillment of other conditionalities. However, subsidy disbursed by REC during the last three years and current year, is at Annex-III.

(d) & (e) : RGGVY envisages providing access to electricity to rural households and release of free electricity connections to BPL households in the country. Once the completed infrastructure in the village is handed over to the State Power Utility (SPU), it is the responsibility of SPU to maintain the infrastructure created under RGGVY including replacement / repair of equipments.