

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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CONNECTION OF VILLAGES WITH POWER GRID
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the villages which are not yet connected to any power grid, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total number of villages in which grid connectivity for electrification under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) is neither feasible nor financially viable; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to connect such villages to the power grid?

Answer

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

(a) : As per census 2001, the total number of inhabited villages in the country were 5,93,732. Out of these, 4,74,162 villages were electrified and the balance 1,19,570 villages were to be electrified.

Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), 648 projects covering electrification of 1.12 lakh un/de-electrified villages (UEV) and 3.83 lakh partially electrified villages (PEV), have been sanctioned in the country during 10th and 11th Plan. Cumulatively, as on 15.1.2014, the electrification works in 1,08,043 UE villages and 3,06,106 Partially Electrified villages have been completed. The State-wise details are at Annex-I.

Government of India has approved continuation of RGGVY under 12th Five Year Plan for covering all remaining census villages and habitations having population more than 100. In addition to 648 projects, 171 projects have been sanctioned in 12th Plan covering electrification of 10,574 un- electrified villages and 1,61,367 partially electrified villages.

(b) & (c) : The villages in which grid connectivity is neither feasible nor financially viable are considered for electrification under Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) component of RGGVY. So far, 639 projects have been sanctioned under DDG for electrification of 1152 villages/hamlets. The State-wise list is at Annex-II.

During 12th Plan, DDG can be extended to grid connected areas to supplement availability of power in areas where supply of electricity is less than 6 hours a day.