GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1131 ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014 UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY Solanki Dr. Kirit Premjibhai

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that under Jyotigram Yojana, 24 hour electricity is supplied uninterruptedly in all the villages of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement the said Yojana in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): The Jyoti Gram Yojana (JGY) is an initiative introduced by the Government of Gujarat in the year 2003 to make available three phase quality power supply for 24 hours to all the 18065 villages and also more than 16000 suburbs attached to the villages of Gujarat for non-agricultural activities.

The scheme involved laying of a parallel rural distribution network across the state to separate agricultural consumers to facilitate load management and regulation over agricultural consumption without affecting power supply to other consumers by laying 78,454 Kilometers of new lines and 18,724 new transformer centres.

At present there are 2495 Nos. of Jyotigram Feeders & 5767 Nos. of Agriculture feeders in the state as on March 2014.

(c) & (d): In the budget announcement 2014-15, a scheme namely `Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana` for feeder separation to augment power supply to the rural areas has been envisaged with an initial sum of Rs. 500 crores during the current year.