

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY FOR BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started single connection for colony with hundred per cent subsidy for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh; and
- (c) the number of BPL families benefited by the scheme, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Under the erstwhile Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) now subsumed in Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Government is providing access to electricity to rural house-holds and providing free electricity connections to all BPL house-holds. As per the scheme BPL house-holds are provided free electricity connection with LED lamp at the rate of Rs.3000/- per connection in villages and habitations. Under the scheme, 921 projects have been sanctioned in the country covering release of free electricity connections to 3.96 crore BPL house-holds including Chhattisgarh. Cumulatively, as on 31.03.2015, free electricity connection to 2.18 crore BPL house-holds have been released.

(c): The State-wise details are annexed.