

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:109

ANSWERED ON:09.02.2017

Electrification of Villages

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages electrified during the last three years as part of the Government's initiative to achieve 24/7 power for all;
- (b) whether electrified villages are not getting adequate supply of electricity and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the gap between demand and supply of electricity in rural areas of the country, State/UTs wise;
- (d) whether the Government has launched GARV App for tracking rural electrification and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether one of the reasons for poor supply of electricity to rural areas is the problems in transmission system and if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the transmission system of power in the country particularly in rural areas?

Answer

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.109 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2017 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES.

(a) : The number villages electrified during the last three years, is as under:

| Sl. No. | Year | Achievement |
|---------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | FY 2013-14 | 1,197 |
| 2 | FY 2014-15 | 1,405 |
| 3 | FY 2015-16 | 7,108 |

(b) & (c) : Electricity is a concurrent subject. Electricity distribution and supply of continuous and reliable power is the responsibility of the respective State/Power Utilities. However, Government of India has taken up a joint initiative with all States/UTs for preparation of State specific documents for providing 24x7 power supply to all and adequate supply of power to agricultural consumers as per State policy. According to Central Electricity Authority, based on the data submitted by states through Regional Power Committees, the country faced a demand supply gap of 0.7% in terms of energy and 1.6% in terms of peak during April to December 2016.

(d) : Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. has launched an updated version of "Garv."App. Additional monitoring mechanism of household and habitation electrification has been added to the existing platform on the basis of data given by the States.

(e) : Supply of continuous and reliable power is the responsibility of the respective State/Power Utilities. However, under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, an amount of Rs.9601.87 crore has been earmarked for system strengthening to improve the sub-transmission system in rural areas.
