

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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Electrification of Villages
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the country and the number out of them electrified so far, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of villages likely to be electrified during 2017-18, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the time by which all the villages in the country are likely to be electrified, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether any target has been fixed for providing electricity to all the households in the country by May, 2018 and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : As per census 2011, there were 5.97 lakh census villages in the country. As reported by the States, there were 18,452 un-electrified villages in the country as on 01.04.2015. Out of these, 12,364 villages have been electrified as on 28.02.2017. The state-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) : 2984 un-electrified villages are targeted to be electrified during the financial year 2017-18. State-wise details are given at Annexure-II. Remaining un-electrified villages are targeted to be electrified by May, 2018.

(d) : Providing electricity to the consumer is the responsibility of the State Government. However, Government of India has launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana in December, 2014. Under the scheme, it is envisaged to create adequate infrastructure to provide access to electricity to all villages and provide access to all rural households and free electricity connection to all eligible BPL households.
