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Title: Regarding Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Programmes.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMRAJANAGAR) : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to raise an important matter pertaining to acute shortage of power supply in my Parliamentary constituency Chamarajanagar.

Sir, Chamarajanagar district is a hilly region. It is also a backward district. People are facing great difficulties due to frequent cuts in power supply. People belonging to lower strata of society like tribals, nomads, semi nomads, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe constitute a major portion of the population in my

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\*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.

constituency. All these people are living below the poverty line. The UPA Government has brought an ambitious scheme to provide free and adequate power to rural people. But the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme has not been implemented effectively. More than 50% of the villages in my constituency have still not been covered. I am unable to understand why this Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme has not been effectively implemented.

Therefore, I request the UPA Government to take necessary steps to implement the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme effectively, to supply uninterrupted power to the people of my constituency and all the BPL families should be given free power supply.