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Title: Need to ensure electrification of villages under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in Odisha.

SHRI HEMANAND BISWAL (SUNDARGARH): Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana was launched in the year 2005 to provide access to electricity in rural areas. All the thirty districts of Odisha have been included in the scheme and the works are being executed by three CPSUs (NTPC,NHPCL, PGCIL) through a quadripartite agreement and 14,856 villages and 29,351 villages during 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> plan period respectively were targeted to be electrified. However, the ground realities are different. The contractors are not taking interest to achieve the target. Most of the BPL families have not yet been provided with electricity connection since different distribution companies operating in Odisha are not co-operating with each other. Many villages and hamlets mostly dominated by Scheduled Tribes have not been included in the list of targeted villages. I would, therefore, like to urge upon the Govt. to intervene in the matter forthwith for success of this flagship programme during the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period.