

Survey of villages uncovered by RGGVY

1210. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to conduct any survey to identify villages/hamlets uncovered by Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of India launched Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), a flagship scheme, with an objective to provide access to electricity to rural households by creating rural electricity infrastructure and also to provide free electricity single point connection to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households, in April, 2005. Under Phase-I of RGGVY, 576 projects covering electrification of 1,10,886 Un/de-electrified Villages (UEV), intensive electrification of 3,42,831 Partially Electrified Villages (PEV) and release of electricity connections to 2,29,39,511 Below Poverty Line (BPL) households were sanctioned. Out of these, the electrification works in 1,06,019 UEV and 2,72,561 PEV have been completed and electricity connections to 2,02,29,780 BPL households have been released, as on 15.11.2012.

In addition, 72 projects have also been sanctioned during 2011-12 under Phase-II of RGGVY covering electrification of 1909 UEV, 53,505 PEV and release of electricity connections to 45,59,141 BPL households.

Ministry of Power has proposed to continue Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in Twelfth Plan for providing access to electricity to remaining households and villages/hamlets irrespective of their population subject to availability of sufficient funds.

Complaints of irregularities in RGGVY

1211. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints on irregularities in implementing the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) the action taken/being taken by Government on the complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Complaints regarding alleged irregularities in award of work in the States of Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir are under investigation by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Representations/suggestions are received in this Ministry from various quarters that provide feedback for improvement/effective implementation of the scheme. Complaints relating to implementation of rural electrification works are taken up with the concerned implementing agencies to address the issues. For proper monitoring and ensuring quality of works, a Third Party Inspection mechanism was in place under the Tenth Plan whereas three tier quality control mechanism has been put in place in respect of projects approved during Eleventh Plan period.

Loss incurred due to delay in highway projects

1212. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of highway projects delayed as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of reasons for these delays, project-wise;
- (c) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has suffered loss of Rs. 874 crore on account of delay in completion of projects connecting major ports through highways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has fixed responsibility for delaying of highway projects;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA): (a) and (b) State-wise and