

(a) the details of electrification of villages and release of free electricity connections to BPL households under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(b) by when the remaining villages and hamlets of Maharashtra would be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Government of India launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana - Programme for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification, in April, 2005 envisaging providing access to electricity to rural households and providing free electricity connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households.

Under RGGVY, 35 projects (4 projects in Tenth Plan, 30 projects in Eleventh Plan and 1 project in Phase-II of Eleventh Plan) were sanctioned in Maharashtra. Cumulatively, the electrification works in 37,195 partially electrified (PE) villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 12,06,544 BPL households have been released under the scheme, as on 15.01.2014.

(b) Except one project sanctioned under Phase-II of Eleventh Plan of RGGVY, the projects have been completed and the State Government has submitted the closure proposals.

Mega power project of Odisha

2629. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mega Power Project of Odisha could not start in time for the non-cooperation of the State Government for the selection of the place and allotment of land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Villages not covered under RGGVY in Andhra Pradesh

2630. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of village/hamlet covered/un-covered till date under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), State-wise including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to identify uncovered village/hamlets in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), 648 projects have been sanctioned in the country during Tenth and Eleventh Plan, covering electrification of about 1,12,146 un/de-electrified villages, intensive electrification of 3,83,510 partially electrified villages and release of free electricity connection to 2.77 crore BPL households including electrification of 26,628 partially electrified villages and release of free electricity connections to 27,66,614 BPL households in Andhra Pradesh. Cumulatively, in the country as on 15.01.2014, the electrification works in 1,08,043 un/de-electrified villages, intensive electrification of 3,06,106 partially electrified villages have been completed and release of free electricity connection to 2.14 crore BPL households have been released.

(b) to (d) Government of India has approved the continuation of RGGVY in Twelfth Five Year Plan for covering all remaining census villages and habitations including the State of Andhra Pradesh having population more than 100. Under the scheme, in the country 171 projects have been sanctioned in Twelfth Plan covering electrification of 10,574 un-electrified villages and 1,61,367 partially electrified villages and release of free electricity connection to 1.11 crore BPL households.

Alternative to fossil fuels for clean energy

2631. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of coal and other fossil fuels consumed by power sector during the last three years;

(b) the amount of coal imported along with its quantity during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Power Ministry to replace fossil fuels with environment friendly options in the last three years?