

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.85
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015

ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES

85. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of **POWER**
be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in the country, especially in tribal areas, backward regions and hilly areas which have been electrified and those villages which are yet to be electrified as on the 31st October, 2015;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken special programme for getting all the villages electrified under various schemes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when all the villages in the country are likely to be electrified?

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : As on 31st October, 2015, there were 16012 census villages left to be electrified in the country including tribal areas, backward region, and hilly areas.

(b) & (c) : Government of India has approved Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana which includes village electrification. Emphasis has been laid to complete the electrification of all villages through expediting implementation, rigorous and multi layer monitoring and inclusion of standalone system for off-grid electrification.

(d) : All the remaining villages are proposed to be electrified in collaboration of States before 01.05.2018.
