GRAM UJALA SCHEME

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Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Gram Ujala Scheme;

(b) whether the districts of Rajasthan have been identified to be covered under the first phase of the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among the beneficiaries of the said scheme;

(e) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be started by the Government; and

(f) the details of the number of villages and Dhanis of district Tonk and district Sawai Madhopur of Rajasthan included therein?

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THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c): Gram Ujala Scheme has been implemented by Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL). Under Gram UJALA Scheme, 1 crore LED bulbs have been distributed in rural areas of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana as a Pilot Project. The distribution under the pilot of Gram Ujala has been completed and currently, no further distribution activity is underway.

(d): Various awareness activities are being done by CESL/ authorised agencies for the usage of LED bulbs amongst beneficiaries such as - local/national media outreach, information dissemination through radio/TV and other modes of media like banners, posters, leaflets etc.

(e) & (f): The scheme has been implemented in rural areas of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana only as a pilot project. Further, implementation would depend upon assessment of pilot project.

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