GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.743
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2015

ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES—RGGVY

743. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana has been very slow, especially with regard to giving electricity connections to BPL households in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the target fixed along with the villages electrified till date; and

(d) action taken/being taken to accelerate the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana in the State of Assam?

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : The erstwhile Rajiv Gandhi Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) now stands subsumed in Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana as Rural Electrification component of the scheme. In the State of Assam under erstwhile RGGVY, projects were sanctioned in the year 2013-14 for electricity connection to 5,41,953 Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. However, no achievement has been reported so far.

(c) : As on 1.4.2015, 2890 census villages were to be electrified. Out of them, 172 have been electrified as on 30.11.2015. Remaining villages are targeted to be electrified by 01.05.2018.

(d) : Actions taken to accelerate RGGVY (which is now subsumed in DDUGJY) include regular Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting held with States, Discoms & CPSUs to review electrification of villages every month. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the nodal agency for implementation of DDUGJY scheme, has appointed Nodal Officer, at the level of Executive Director for Assam to review the progress on regular basis by visiting the State and meeting the State/Discom authorities and contractors; and Web based monitoring of electrification of Un-electrified villages has been enabled. Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVAs) have been appointed by the Nodal Agency, REC, to monitor the village electrification in the field.

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