

## Electrification of over 98 Thousand Villages done under RGGVY

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The electrification works in 98,174 villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 167 lakh Below Poverty Line households have been provided under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) as on 15.07.2011. This information is given by Minister of State for Power Shri K. C. Venugopal said that though there have been delays in execution of the projects in some states, a number of steps have been taken for effective implementation of the RGGVY as follows: i) The Government has set up an inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee which periodically meets to sanction projects and reviews progress of implementation. ii) States have been advised to set up district committees to monitor the progress of rural electrification works. All the states have notified formation of district committees. iii) The States have also been requested by the Ministry of Power to hold monthly meetings under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to resolve the bottlenecks in implementation of RGGVY. iv) The Ministry of Power as well as Rural Electrification Corporation, the nodal agency for RGGVY, conduct frequent review meetings with all the stakeholders, the concerned State Governments, state power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme as per the agreed schedules. v) For speedier and effective implementation of projects, execution of project has been taken up on turnkey basis. vi) To ensure qualitative execution of rural electrification works, a three tier quality control mechanism has been enforced under RGGVY. vii) Grant amount of BPL connection has been enhanced to Rs.2200/- in XI Plan from Rs.1500/- in X Plan. viii) Benchmark, cost norms for village electrification has been revised upward

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