

#### **Exchange rate for payment of gas to RIL**

2531. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA BHATIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what would be USD / INR exchange rate for the payment of gas to Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) by Government owned power and fertilizer companies;

(b) whether there is any change in the decision conveyed by the Ministry to RIL on applicability of the USD/ INR exchange rate under the approved price formula; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) The exchange rate is fixed on the monthly average of the daily mean of the buying and selling rates of exchange as quoted by State Bank of India ( or any other financial body as may be mutually agreed by the parties) for the Month prior to the Month in which the revenues, costs, expenditures, receipts or income are recorded as per the provisions of the Production Sharing Contract.

#### **Initiatives under RGGVY**

2532. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) during the current year, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the funds allocated and utilized under this flagship programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The following initiatives were taken during the current year to expedite the implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY):

i. Conference of Power Ministers of States was convened by Ministry of Power on 23rd June, 2009.

ii. Monitoring Committee held its meeting in the Month of June and July 2009. Review meetings were also held in the States of Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

iii. Video Conferencing was held with Energy Secretaries of North Eastern Region (NER) States and Secretary (Power) on the issue of Power Development in NER States and implementation of RGGVY.

During the current year, the electrification of 2645 un/de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 7885 electrified villages have been reported. Further, 8.74 lakh service connections to BPL households have been provided in the sanctioned projects under RGGVY as on 30.06.2009.