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# RAJYA SABHA

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3	Budhil HEP, HP	70 (2x35)	Lanco Pvt. Ltd.	2008-09	2009-10	There were initial delays in getting financial closure. Financial closure has since been achieved in March 200C.
4.	Gautami CCPP,	464 (GT-1- GT-2-145 ST-174)	Gautami Power Ltd. ST-7/06	GT-1-2/06 GT-2-2/06 ST-7/06	Aug., 2007 Aug , 2007 Aug., 2007	Non-availability of gas.
5.	Konaseema CCPP,	445 (GT-1- GT-2-140 St-165)	Konaseema Gas Power Ltd.	GT-1-9/05 GT-2- ST-3/06	Dec., 2007 Dec, 2007 Dec., 2007	Non-availability of gas.
6.	OP. Jindal STPP	1000 (U1-250 U2-250 U3-250 U4-250)	Jindal Power Ltd.	U1-2/07 U2-6/07 U3-12/07 U4-12/07	U1-7/07 U2-10/07 U3-12/07 U4-03/08	Delay in suplies by
TOTAL:		3379				

## **Tribal literacy in Orissa**

\*386. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase the tribal iiteracy rate in Orissa where the literacy rate among the tribals is the lowest in the country, being about 37 per cent only against the national average of 47 per cent;

(b) if so, the major steps Government have initiated in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether Government would include and initiate steps to increase the literacy rate of tribes in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The National Literacy mission aims at imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group with focus on women, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other disadvantaged sections of the community, in Orissa, total literacy campaigns have sanctioned to all the 30 districts of the State in which 11.31 lakh tribal non-literates have been made literate so far. Post Literacy projects for reinforcement of literacy skills were also sanctioned to 23 districts of the State in which 6.34 lakh tribal non-literates completed the post literacy primer. Besides, an Accelerated Female Literacy Programme covering

9.03 lakh women was taken up in 9 low female literacy districts of the State which include 4 districts having more than 50% tribal population. Further, in order to raise the literacy levels in the state, the State Government has formulated Project for Residual literacy in 10 low literacy districts of balangir, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Malkangiri, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Nabrangpur, Nuapada and Rayagada, where there is substantial tribal population, to cover 11.16 lakh persons.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the State Government has initiated several steps to improve tribal literacy in Tribal Sub Plan areas as also other areas or the State with tribal population through multiple strategies by ensuring universal access and enrolment, retention and quality improvement, multilingual education, preparation of bilingual tribal primer, teacher training in tribal areas and cluster approach in tribal education. Action has been initiated to open 1000 girls hostel in existing Ashram schools run by SC/ST Development Department in which tribal girls will be enrolled. To reduce the drop out and to improve the retention of tribal children in some thickly tribal population blocks with low tribal literacy, a comprehensive community based child centre programme has been launched in Orissa in 141 tribal populated blocks. 114 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (residential schools) have been sanctioned to facilitate greater participation of girls (among them those belonging to Scheduled Tribes being a specific focus) at the upper primary level. Out of these, 77 KGBVs have been sanctioned in ST dominant blocks.

#### **Village electrification in Assam**

\*387. SHRI DWIJENDRANATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any major initiatives for village electrification programme in the country particularly in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. An unprecedented initiative, called the "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana" (RGGVY) has been launched in April, 2005 with the aim of electrifying all villages and rural households in the entire country, including Assam, by 2009