

.30,000 MW hydro, 12,000 MW nuclear and balance 40,000 MW from thermal which may also include gas projects subject to availability of gas at reasonable price. Although gas is a relatively clean fuel, at present there is uncertainty about the availability, period of availability and price of **gas**. The 12th plan projects have not been finalized so far.

### **Rural electrification in West Bengal**

†2974. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK; Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) the number of villages included under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in West Bengal.

(b) the details thereof; district-wise; and

(c) whether Government would make any special arrangement for hilly and remote areas where there is no facility of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) has received 32 projects for 18 districts in West Bengal under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). In Phase-I of the scheme, funds for 13 projects have been released. District-wise details are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) All the villages including hilly ones, where grid connectivity is feasible and cost effective, are covered under RGGVY. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has a separate programme for electrification of remote villages. As per proviso-4 of Clause 3 of Rural Electrification Policy, all States have to prepare and notify a Rural Electrification Plan by February, 2007 wherein, *inter alia*, they need to mention the remote villages where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective. West Bengal Government has not so far notified the Rural Electrification Plan. Secretary, Ministry of Power has also written to Chief Secretary, West Bengal on 19.03.2007 in this behalf.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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**Statement'***Details of Projects sanctioned for West Bengal*

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of State Power utility and Implementing Agency	Total no. of villages concerned for Electrification	No. of electrified villages to be electrified	No. of electn-of-rural villages covered for (Col 4+5) House hold electrification	Total No of rural BPL HH to be electrified	electrified under the project cost total No of BPL HH to be electrified (including BPLHH)	sanctioned project cost in lakh	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Bankura	WBSEB/ POWERGRID	451		451	12114	1211	340367	3410
2	Purulia	WBSEB/ NHPC/	467		467	9088	7575	4710.77	5178.13
3	Malda	WBSEB	11		11	223	66	79.03	95.36
4	Burdwan and Birbhum	WBSEB	13		13	489	156	99.66	118.10
6	Murshidabad	WBSEB					186	226.97	190.99
6	Dakshin Dinajpur	WBSEB	185		185	7361	2208	1545.17	2039.28
7	24 Parganas (North)	WBSEB	51		51	3195	944	434.48	492.40
8	24 Parganas (South)	WBSEB	82		82	2359	883	849.20	1266.3
9	Uttar Dinajpur	WBSEB	80		80	4303	1423	767.71	1109.1
10	East Midnapur	WBSEB/DVC	307			34069	2269	7771.44	7182.6
11	West Midnapur (Kharagpur Block)	WBSEB/	225		225	6452	4952	2029.92	2523.44
12	West Midnapur (PGCIL)	WBSEB/	1876		1876	5044	44629	16555.73	14747
13	Darjeeling	WBSEB	3		3	115	15	2981	29.84
	TOTAL		4283	0	4283	145918			97847
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