

Electrification of villages in Tamil Nadu

3137. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Tamil Nadu under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana so far, district-wise;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for electrification of villages during 2006-07 in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the amount earmarked for the purpose;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any Central Public Sector Undertaking is involved in electrification of villages in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by them so far?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No village has been electrified in Tamil Nadu under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), as no proposal has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for electrification of villages.

(b) to (f) Questions do not arise.

Overdrawing of power from Northern Grid

3138. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Grid which supplies power to Northern States is on the brink of collapse;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States are overdrawing power from this grid even when the grid's frequency is low;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government to see that the Northern India's power network is not snapped?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Northern Grid had been operating at low frequency on account of rise in demand due to onset of summer and reduced availability of -generation. While the energy requirement and peak demand in the Northern