

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The Government of India has taken the following steps for improving supply of power in the state of Bihar:

- (i) Bihar has been allocated 1,791 to 1,836 MW in different time slot from Central Generating Stations (CGSs), which is highest among the states of the Eastern Region.
- (ii) The power supply to Bihar from the CGSs has been increasing over the years and central sector energy supplied to Bihar increased from about 8,400 Million Unit (MU) in 2008-09 to 10,320 MU in 2011-12.
- (iii) The likely benefit to the State of Bihar during 12th Plan is 1447 MW from Muzaffarpur Ext. Unit 1 and 2, Barh STPS-I Unit 1,2 and 3, Barh STPS-II Unit 1 and 2.
- (iv) The Lift Extension works of existing Barauni TPS units 6 and 7 (2x110 MW) and Muzaffarpur units 1 and 2 (2x110 MW) have been taken up under Backward Region Grant Fund of Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) Electricity is being procured from the hydel project in Bhuttan. The total electricity imported from Bhutan was 4.71 Billion Unit (BU) during the current year (April 2012 to January 2013). Further, the power exchange also takes place between Nepal and utilities on the Indian side namely Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB), Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) and Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL) India. Under the bilateral power exchange, BSEB exports/imports power from Nepal whereas, UPPCL and UPCL only export power to Nepal.

Status of electrification in rural India

308. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of action plan of Government to provide power to each and every house in the country;
- (b) the status of electrification in the rural India;
- (c) the time-frame within which all the villagers in the country would be provided electric connection;

(d) whether this project is proposed to be implemented under PPP mode; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) As per census 2001, the total number of inhabited villages in the country were 5,93,732. The Government of India launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) - Programme for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification, in April 2005 for providing access to electricity to rural households. Under the scheme, 648 projects covering electrification of 1,12,795 un/de-electrified villages (UEV), intensive electrification of 3,96,336 partially electrified villages (PEV) and release of free electricity connections to 2,74,98,652 Below Poverty Line (BPL) households were sanctioned. As on 31.01.2013, the electrification works in 1,06,474 UE villages, 2,87,827 PE villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 2,05,15,472 BPL households have been released under the scheme.

Government has proposed to continue RGGVY in 12th Plan for covering the remaining villages/habitations irrespective of population subject to availability of funds.

(d) and (e) There is no provision of Public Private Partnership (PPP) in RGGVY programme.

Supply of imported power to Maharashtra

309. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is purchasing power from the neighbouring country, Bhutan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is allocating the power so procured to Maharashtra also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?