

(a) the details of electrification of villages and release of free electricity connections to BPL households under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(b) by when the remaining villages and hamlets of Maharashtra would be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Government of India launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana - Programme for creation of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification, in April, 2005 envisaging providing access to electricity to rural households and providing free electricity connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households.

Under RGGVY, 35 projects (4 projects in Tenth Plan, 30 projects in Eleventh Plan and 1 project in Phase-II of Eleventh Plan) were sanctioned in Maharashtra. Cumulatively, the electrification works in 37,195 partially electrified (PE) villages have been completed and free electricity connections to 12,06,544 BPL households have been released under the scheme, as on 15.01.2014.

(b) Except one project sanctioned under Phase-II of Eleventh Plan of RGGVY, the projects have been completed and the State Government has submitted the closure proposals.

Mega power project of Odisha

2629. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mega Power Project of Odisha could not start in time for the non-cooperation of the State Government for the selection of the place and allotment of land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Villages not covered under RGGVY in Andhra Pradesh

2630. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: