

Development Scheme (IPDS) for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks and for segregation of agricultural feeders to give adequate and reliable supply and reduce line losses.

- (vi) Government of India has taken several steps to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency and other demand side management measures.
- (vii) Central Government has notified Ujjawal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) Scheme on 20.11.2015 for Operational and Financial Turnaround of DISCOMs.
- (viii) Government of India has taken steps for expeditious resolution of issues relating to Environmental and Forest clearances for facilitating early completion of generation and transmission projects.
- (ix) Government of India has launched a scheme by providing support from Power System Development Fund (PSDF) for stranded gas based generation.

Electrified villages

2381. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the details and the number of villages whose status was marked by Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVAs) as 'eo' (which means un-electrified) and which have been shown as 'electrified' in overall category by Government during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): The data regarding rural electrification including electrification of villages is reported by the concerned State Governments and State Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) being the Nodal Agency for operationalization of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) has deployed Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVAs) who visit villages and report the situation of the day of visit. If any discrepancy is found, States/DISCOMs are advised by REC to rectify the status.

Pollution effect of thermal power plants

2382. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution of all thermal power plants in energy generation from all sources in the country during a year;
- (b) the details of thermal power plants along with their annual generation capacity, State-wise;