

(c) whether it is estimated to achieve the target of the electrification of all such villages before the stipulated time limit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) Government of India launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), in December, 2014 for various rural electrification works including separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders, strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure, metering at distribution transformers/ feeders/ consumers and electrification of villages.

As reported by States, there were 18,452 un-electrified villages in the country, as on 01.4.2015. Out of these, 12,364 villages have been electrified, as on 28.02.2017. The remaining villages are targeted to be electrified by May, 2018.

Electrification of villages

†2800. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is determined to connect each village of the country with electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Parsa village of Parsa panchayat in Ghoghardiha Block of Madhubani district in Bihar is deprived of electricity whereas an adjacent ATola of that village has been electrified, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of such villages which have been deprived of electrification so far and by when electricity is likely to reach there, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in December, 2014 for various rural electrification works including separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders, strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure metering at distribution transformers/feeders/ consumers and electrification of villages. All the remaining villages are targeted to be electrified by May, 2018.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Based on Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by the State, the village Parsa (Census Code 220744), block Ghoghardiha district Madhubani is an electrified village and has 10 habitations including habitation 'Parsa'; all these 10 habitations are covered for intensive electrification under Rural Electrification component of DDUGJY. Out of these, 3 habitations have already been completed.

Electricity supply in electrified villages

2801. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set a target for electrification of all villages in the country;

(b) if so, the number of villages which were electrified earlier and the villages which have been electrified during the last three years by Government in each State, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to ensure that villages declared as electrified have actually been electrified or not and also to ensure that there is actual electricity supply in all villages declared as electrified; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for regular supply of electricity in the villages particularly during the sowing season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has targeted to electrify all the un-electrified census villages by 1st May, 2018. As informed by States, out of the 5.97 lakh census villages, there were 18,452 un-electrified villages in the country as on 01.04.2015. Details of villages electrified during the last three years are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) The information with regard to declaration of villages as electrified is given by the States.

(d) Electricity is a concurrent subject. As such, supply of regular power in villages is the responsibility of the respective State Governments/Power Utilities. However, Government of India helps the States with various schemes including Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), construction of inter-State transmission lines and allocation of power from central generating stations.