

- (iii) Further, Automatic Under Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) protection schemes have also been implemented in all the regions to improve grid's stable operation.

Electrified rural households in the country

794. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether latest data as per the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and the Saubhagya Scheme shows inconsistencies in the number of rural households in the country;
- (b) whether the deadline for electrifying all villages is extended to May, 2018, after missing the May, 2017 target; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of rural households with electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) A web portal for Saubhagya scheme has been developed for monitoring the progress of un-electrified households. The data of households and progress are updated in the Saubhagya Portal directly by the concerned State DISCOMs for information of all the stakeholders and dissemination in public domain. Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) relates to electrification of villages and BPL households and Saubhagya relates to electrification of all un-electrified households, both are different sets of data.

(b) and (c) Hon'ble Prime Minister in his Independence Day address to the nation on 15 August, 2015 made the commitment that all remaining un-electrified villages in the country would be electrified within one thousand days *i.e.* by 1st May, 2018. All the un-electrified inhabited census villages have been electrified on 28.04.2018 *i.e.* ahead of the deadline.

As regards the households electrification, as per Census 2011, there were 16.78 crore rural households in the country and 9.28 crore (55%) rural households were electrified. Based on latest information provided by the States on Saubhagya portal, there are 17.73 crore rural households in the country, of these 15.27 crore (86.12%) households are electrified as on 18.07.2018.

Establishment of green corridor grid in the country

795. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has established grid connectivity between the Southern Power Grid with Power Grids of other regions to facilitate power transit between Tamil Nadu and other States;