

Electrification of every village of the country

†2535. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide electricity in every village of the country;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard within the time-line fixed to achieve their target; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to provide electricity to every home after electrification of every village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) As reported by the States, all the inhabited census villages across the country stand electrified as on 28.04.2019.

Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - "Saubhagya" in October, 2017, with the aim to achieve universal household electrification by providing electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural and all poor households in urban areas across the country. All States reported electrification of all households as on 31.03.2019 except few households in LWE affected areas of Bastar region in Chhattisgarh.

Status of Ramagundam unit in Telangana

2536. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has begun work on Ramagundam unit, Karim Nagar, Telangana State recently; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) NTPC has a thermal power plant and a floating solar power plant in District Karim Nagar, Telangana, which are under construction. The details of these power plants are as under:

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