

13,872 villages electrified till 30th June 2017

3,285 inaccessible villages electrified in various States across the country under Decentralized Distributed Generation Scheme: Shri Piyush Goyal

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Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines, Shri Piyush Goyal, in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today, informed that as per information provided by the States, 13,872 un-electrified census villages have been reported to be electrified up to 30th June, 2017, out of 18,452 un-electrified villages in the country as on 1st April, 2015. The time-frame to electrify all the villages is 1st May, 2018, the Minister added.

Shri Goyal also informed that the Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) scheme, under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), has been initiated by the Government to provide access to electricity to un-electrified villages/habitations where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective including the villages located in backward, remote, inaccessible and forest areas. DDG can be from renewable sources such as biomass, biofuels, biogas, Mini hydro, solar etc. Under the scheme, 4,220 projects have been sanctioned with the total project cost of Rs.1354.60 crore, covering 3,285 un-electrified villages in various States across the country, as on 30.06.2017, the Minister added.

STATE-WISE PROJECT SANCTIONED UNDER DDG SCHEME

S. No.	STATE	No. of projects	Un-electrified villages covered
1	Andhra Pradesh*	427	-
2	Assam	521	521
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,176	1,176
4	Chhattisgarh	946	520
5	Jharkhand	382	393
6	Karnataka	39	9
7	Kerala *	15	-
8	Madhya Pradesh	147	147
9	Meghalaya	212	212
10	Odisha	276	275
11	Telangana *	39	-
12	Uttar Pradesh	25	17
13	Uttarakhand	15	15
Total		4,220	3,285

* Projects correspond to electrification of Habitations

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