

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3521
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INTEREST SUBSIDY ON LOAN FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any target has been fixed for rural electrification under the Rural Electrification Programme;
- (b) if so, the achievements made so far in this regard;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken to provide interest subsidy on the loans meant for rural electrification; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes Sir. The Government has kept a target of 50,000 villages to be electrified during 10th Plan under RGGVY since its launch in April 2005. Year-wise break-up of the target fixed is given as under:

Year No. of villages
to be electrified

2005-06	10,000
2006-07	40,000
Total:	50,000

(b) : The implementing states/agencies as on 08.12.2006 have reported electrification of 23014 un-electrified villages under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana since its launch in April 2005.

(c) & (d) : Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) provides a soft loan at 5% rate of interest towards the loan component, which is ten per cent of the total project cost.