

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REFORMS IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to bring about changes in Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) as reported in the Dainik Jagran dated the January 20, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these schemes implemented in their present form failed to fulfill their basic objectives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to bring changes in Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana. However, in view of the recommendations/suggestions of the various stakeholders, it is proposed to continue Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) during the XI Plan with the revised terms and conditions and with the new name `Accelerated Power Distribution Reform Programme` with Central Sector Assistance.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. In the year 2005-06 under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, 9819 unelectrified villages were electrified against the target of 10,000 villages and in 2006-07, as on 23.2.2007, 20,743 unelectrified villages have been electrified. Franchisees are in place in 39113 villages already which is meant to ensure revenue sustainability. The revenue collection has increased with the installation of franchisees.

As regards APDRP, its basic objectives are to reduce Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, improving quality of supply of power, increasing revenue collection and improving consumer satisfaction. The AT&C losses of the State distribution companies at national level were reduced from 38.86% in 2001-02 to 33.83% for 2004-05. At town level, AT&C losses have been brought below 20 per cent in 212 APDRP towns in the country of which 169 towns have brought AT&C losses below 15 percent. Overall commercial loss (without subsidy) of the distribution companies reduced from Rs.29,331 crore during 2001-02 to Rs.22,129 crore during 2004-05 (Source: PFC).