GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2155 ANSWERED ON:24.07.2014 **ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES** Ram Shri Vishnu Dayal

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 1569 villages in Palamu, Garhwa, Latehar, East and West Singhbhum regions of Jharkhand are still to be electrified;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the original schedule for electrification of these villages and the reasons for delay in their electrification; and
- (c) the time by which the Union Government proposes to complete the electrification of the said villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) :Under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), the projects of district Palamu, Garhwa, Latehar, East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum were sanctioned under X Plan. The project Implementing Agency is the Jharkhand Bijli Vitaran Nigam Ltd. (JBVNL) under the Government of Jharkhand. The coverage and achievement of these districts are as under:

Sl.No. Name of the district Un-electrified villages

Coverage Reported progress as on 30.06.2014

- 1. Palamu# 1006 1006 2. Garhwa# 536 536
- 3. Latehar# 570 570
- 4. East Singhbhum 812 812
- 5. West Singhbhum 1023 836

As per information furnished by the Project Implementing Agency i.e. Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL), the contractor had stopped the work earlier due to CBI enquiry and now filed an affidavit for extension of time up to March 2015 before the Hon'ble High Court.