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Title: Need to ensure supply of power to the rural households under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in Odisha.

SHRI HEMANAND BISWAL (SUNDARGARH): Theft of electrical transformers in Odisha under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), the flagship programme of RGGVY is on the rise. Due to theft of transformers, the scheme met with utter failure in Odisha. Most of the villages in the tribal areas has not yet been supplied with power due to lack of power and proper co-ordination. The villages supplied with power are deprived of the privileged due to theft of transformers in districts like Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Khurdha. Other districts are encountering the theft of transformers and 282 transformers in Sundargarh were stolen even within months of installation. The theft is caused in spite of lodging of FIR in the Police Station. Tangible steps are not being taken either to detect or to prevent for which thefts occurred. Due to this, the aim of the scheme to supply power to targeted BPL families is not realized.

I urge the Government to take suitable necessary measures in the matter.