

## **Reply to queries raised by ABP News through email on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**1. You have said that "Milestone progress and electrification of a village are independent of each other." But, without fulfilling M10, M11 & M12, how can a village be declared as electrified? For example,**

**Village Ahrae in Giridih district of Jharkhand- The milestone reported is M9 and status given by GVA says DTR not charged. Whereas, the village is counted as electrified.**

**Village Asurhaddi in Giridih district of Jharkhand- The milestone reported is M9 and status given by GVA says village not electrified, DTR not charged. Whereas, the village is counted as electrified.**

**Village Balbali in Giridih district of Jharkhand- The milestone reported is M9 and status given by GVA says DTR not charged. Whereas, the village is counted as electrified.**

**Village Bharkol in Giridih district of Jharkhand- The milestone reported is M9 and status given by GVA says DTR not charged and village not electrified. Whereas, the village is counted as electrified.**

**How can villages achieving upto M9 milestone be declared as electrified? Please specify.**

Reply

<b>Village</b>	<b>Infrastructure details on GARV App</b>
Village Ahrae in Giridih district of Jharkhand	HT – 0.3 km, LT – 1 km, DT- 1 (10 kVA)
Village Asurhaddi in Giridih district of Jharkhand	HT – 0.3 km, LT – 1.5 km, DT- 1 (10 kVA)
Village Balbali in Giridih district of Jharkhand	HT – 0.5 km, LT – 1.8 km, DT- 1 (16 kVA)
Village Bharkol in Giridih district of Jharkhand	HT – 0.4 km, LT – 1.1 km, DT- 1 (16 kVA)

As already clarified earlier, the villages declared as electrified before 1<sup>st</sup> January were declared on the basis of reporting by the states. Wherever any discrepancies have been found during visits by the GVAs, such villages are being pursued on priority basis for completion.

All the above villages were declared as electrified by the state before deployment of GVAs. During the visits of the GVAs, it was observed that charging was not done because of connectivity with upstream network. The GVAs are regularly pursuing with the DISCOM to them charged at the earliest. As a result, it is reported by the DISCOM that 10 villages (for example, Nihalpur (350401), Tishri block, Giridih district) have recently been charged in this district and the same will be verified by the GVA shortly and updated on the GARV app.

**2. You have mentioned "A village may achieve all milestones, but if the electrified households are less than 10%, the village is not considered as an electrified village. Similarly,**

**a village may fulfill the definition of village electrification, but works may still be under progress to cover 100% households, and in such cases all milestones may not be achieved."**

**This is true that a village may achieve all milestones, but if the electrified households are less than 10%, the village is not considered as an electrified village. But, I am talking about villages that have not achieved all the milestones, yet, they have been declared as electrified. How, is it possible that without achieving all the milestones, the villages are declared as electrified?**

Reply:

In the GARV app, a village implies a 'revenue village' which may contain one or more habitations. To address your query with an example, consider a village with 5 habitations. If the DISCOM has completed works in 2 habitations and met the definition of electrification, the village is declared electrified. However, the DISCOM continues the works in the remaining habitations of the village for achieving 100% household electrification. In such cases, the GVA marks the village (revenue village as a whole) as electrified and also marks the milestone status of works going on in other habitations.

**3. You have also mentioned "a village may fulfill the definition of village electrification, but works may still be under progress to cover 100% households, and in such cases all milestones may not be achieved".**

**Sir, none of the milestones from M1-M12, talk of covering 100% households. So, your response seems to be a blatant lie. Please provide your comments.**

Reply:

Milestones are framed to make monitoring of works easier. Milestones do not indicate the quantum of any works (LT, HT, DT, households, etc.). Therefore, you have rightly mentioned that milestones do not indicate 100% connectivity. However, such data is being captured separately and is being displayed on the Dashboard also. We strongly object to the term 'blatant lie' that you have used for our prior response. Nowhere have we made any false claims, as our efforts are aimed towards greater transparency.

**4. You have mentioned that "M0 does not imply electrified before as claimed in your query. It is used to indicate that no new works were ongoing at the time of visit by GVA. It does not reflect the status of village electrification."**

**Sir, The definition for M0 says- No milestone reached (mostly because villages are declared as electrified, intensive electrification remains).**

**As many as 38% of 7300 odd villages fall under this category of M0. This implies that these villages have been electrified from earlier. Then, why are these villages being claimed to be electrified under DDUGJY?**

Reply:

It is surprising that you are repeatedly stressing on this 'definition' of M0. We reiterate once again that: **M0 is used to indicate that no new works were ongoing at the time of visit by GVA.** States have continued their village electrification programmes in the above 18,452 villages from even before the deployment of GVAs. When these villages were visited by the GVA, in some of them it was found that the works have already been completed before the visit of the GVA. Wherever the villages met the definition of electrification, the GVA has marked them as electrified, and marked milestone M0 since no new works were going on at that time.

As for your query about considering these villages as progress under DDUGJY, please note that the DDUGJY scheme was launched in December 2014. The states have provided the list of 18,452 un-electrified villages as on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 which have been included in the GARV app. States have declared 7108 villages as electrified in 2015-16 and also reported progress MIS accordingly. Thus, these villages have been considered as progress in the GARV App.

**We hope your queries have been addressed. However, in case further clarifications are required, you can visit our office anytime.**