**Rural Electrification –Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana- (RE-DDUGJY) (Erstwhile RGGVY)**

Earlier, the Government of India had launched the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran yojana (RGGVY) - a centrally sponsored scheme, in 2005 with a goal to create electricity infrastructure to all un-electrified villages/un-electrified hamlets and to provide access to electricity to all households. The scheme is funded by Govt. of India through M/s. Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd., New Delhi with 90% of the fund as subsidy and 10% as loan. Further 100% subsidy is given for effecting service connections to BPLHHs.

In respect of Tamil Nadu, RGGVY scheme was sanctioned under XI plan Phase I, for creating infrastructure to rural areas in 26 districts. Works were taken up and completed by December 2010 in all the 26 districts.

Under phase-I, 10,129 Nos. of 25/16 KVA DTs had been erected, 13,296 Kms of HT/LT lines had been laid and 5,01,202 Nos. BPL service connections had been effected in 26 districts. Total sanctioned amount of Rs.341.20 crores were released by REC.

For the remaining 3 districts viz., Dharmapuri, Nilgiris and Tirunelveli, REC has sanctioned the scheme under RGGVY XI plan phase-II during Dec’2011 for a total amount of Rs.37.27 crores.

Letters of award (LOA) have been issued to M/s. Shree Ganesh EPC pvt. Ltd, Aralvoimozhi to implement the scheme in 3 districts viz., Nilgiris, Tirunelveli and Dharmapuri districts under turnkey basis.

Due to poor performance of the contractor, the contracts have been terminated and the balance works have been taken up and completed departmentally.

The RGGVY XI plan phase-II scheme had been subsumed in the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) launched by the Government of India on 03.12.2014, under Rural Electrification (RE) component.

The field works have been completed in 3 districts by 31.12.2017. Under phase-II, 546 Nos. of 25/16 KVA DTs had been erected, 792.91 Kms of HT/LT lines had been laid and 24,369 Nos. BPL service connections had been effected in 3 districts.

Closure proposals for 3 districts have been submitted to REC, New Delhi through GoTN on 27.9.2018 to accord approval.