

## **Rural Electrification**

- 1.** As per Census 2001, there were 17495 census villages in Himachal Pradesh. Of these, 110 census villages were un-electrified. Under RGGVY schemes, 108 villages of seven districts namely Chamba, Kangra, Shimla, Mandi, Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti and Sirmour have been covered and one village (Vari Koksar) of Lahaul Block has been covered for electrification under R.V.E. plan by Director (Himurja). Only one village Chandori Dhar of Mehla Block of District Chamba having migratory population still remains to be covered.
- 2.** In addition to above, 4036 hamlets (out of total of 4182 as per 1988 survey) also stand electrified upto September, 2009. Besides, 587 un-identified hamlets have also been electrified.
- 3.** In order to provide electricity in every household in the State, scheme for all the 12 districts has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India within a provision of Rs. 341.80 crore.
- 4.** Schemes for 11 districts namely Kangra, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Una, Mandi, Sirmour, Shimla, Solan, Kullu, Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti have been sanctioned during 11<sup>th</sup> Plan amounting to Rs. 275.53 crore and Rs. 82.81 crore have been released as Ist installment. The awards for these 11 districts have been placed and work is in progress. These schemes are proposed to be completed within 18 months.