

GARV

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In News: To ensure transparency in implementation of rural electrification programme, the Power Ministry will launch a new app, GARV-II, to provide real time

Key Facts

- GARV-II mobile app has incorporated village-wise; habitation-wise baseline data on household electrification for all states.
- It also has **mapped village-wise works sanctioned under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)** to monitor progress of works in each village.
 - It also incorporates the status of release of funds to the states for electrification projects sanctioned under DDUGJY.
- GARV-II allows people's participation for rural electrification work. It opens rural electrification work to public scrutiny and input about rural electrification programme
- It also has a **citizen engagement window 'SAMVAD' to enhance participation.**
 - It automatically forwards feedback and suggestions of people to the concerned authorities through SMS & Email.
 - The GARV-II will enable the commoners to participate in the development work and can give their input about rural electrification programmes.
 - The progress on various works will be updated by the implementing agencies of the states on a day to day basis, the official said that a dashboard for Managing Directors and Superintending Engineers of DISCOMs has been provided for online monitoring.

- **In 'GARV' the data of only 18452 un-electrified villages has been mapped and a 12-stage milestone based monitoring mechanism has been put in place.**
- **Under 'GARV-II'**, the data in respect of all villages (about 6 Lakh) with more than 15 lakh habitations has been mapped for tracking progress on household electrification in each of the habitations of these villages.
- They can contribute to the programme by providing their feedback and suggestions which shall be automatically forwarded to the concerned Managing Directors and Superintending Engineers of DISCOMs through SMS & Email on their dashboard.
- **The objective of GARV-II** is to ensure electricity access to all households as the government has already electrified over 11,000 villages out of 18,452 un-electrified villages.

Citizen Engagement Window 'SAMVAD'

- The Union Ministry also launched the Citizen Engagement Window SAMVAD with an aim to enhance the participation of the public at large.
- This window will take in the feedback and suggestions from the people which will be then automatically forwarded to the concerned Managing Director and Superintending Engineer.
- The information will be given through SMS and email for online monitoring and further action.

Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY):

The rural electrification scheme provides for

- separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders;
- strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure in rural areas including metering at distribution transformers, feeders and

consumers end.

Salient Features DDUGJY):

- Separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders.
- Strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure in rural areas including metering of distribution transformers feeders/consumers.
- Rural electrification as per CCEA approval for completion of the targets laid down under RGGVY.
- To ensure rapid electrification, feeder separation, and strengthening of rural distribution infrastructure.
- It is necessary to monitor progress intensively for smooth and fast implementation of electrification.