# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

# **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.82** TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015

## UJWAL DISCOM ASSURANCE YOJANA

#### 82. SHRI AHMED PATEL:

Will the Minister of **POWER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) would help India attain 24x7 power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way this scheme would affect the Non-Performing Assets in public sector banks which have lent to DISCOMS?

# ANSWER

# THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): The Scheme – UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana) has been launched to improve financial and operational efficiencies of power distribution companies (DISCOMs). It envisages to reduce interest burden, cost of power and AT&C losses. Consequently, DISCOM would become sustainable to supply adequate and reliable power enabling 24x7 power supply.

(c): The scheme provides that States would take over 75% debt of Discoms, as on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 in two years. Henceforth, Banks would not finance losses of DISCOM. Therefore, the question of Non-Performing Assets does not arise.

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