

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018

DEADLINE FOR ELECTRIFYING VILLAGES

*342. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the reason behind Government's constantly changing deadline of electrifying villages and how much electrification has been achieved so far;
- (b) whether it is a fact that of the villages that have been declared electrified, a large number of households still do not get power; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to consider per household electrification as opposed to villages, if not, the reasons for the same?

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.342 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 27.03.2018 REGARDING DEADLINE FOR ELECTRIFYING VILLAGES.

(a) : As reported by States, there were 18,452 un-electrified census villages in the country as on 01.04.2015. On 15th August, 2015, Hon'ble Prime Minister set a target of 1000 days to electrify the remaining un-electrified villages. Only 853 census villages are reported un-electrified, as on 20.03.2018. The remaining 853 census villages are targeted to be electrified before 1st May, 2018.

(b) & (c) : According to Rural Electrification Policy 2006, a village is declared electrified if:-

- (i) Basic infrastructure such as Distribution Transformer and Distribution Lines are provided in the inhabited locality, as well as the Dalit Basti/hamlet, where it exists
- (ii) Electricity is provided to public places like Schools, Panchayat Office, Health Centres, Dispensaries, Community Centres etc; and
- (iii) At least 10% of the total number of households in the village should be electrified.

Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya, with an objective to achieve universal household electrification by providing last mile connectivity and free electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural and all poor un-electrified households in urban areas.
