

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2018

24 HOUR ELECTRICITY TO HIMACHAL PRADESH

4158. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether a joint initiative of the Central Government and Government of Himachal Pradesh aiming to provide electricity to each household, industrial and agricultural consumer round the clock has been introduced in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the current status of the programme;
- (c) the financial assistance and other support Government has extended/proposes to extend to the Government of Himachal Pradesh under the programme;
- (d) whether Government has prescribed any time limit by which each and every household, industrial and agricultural consumer will be provided electricity round the clock; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (e) : Electricity is a concurrent subject and distribution of electricity and management of associated functions is carried out by concerned State Govt / Distribution utility. Government of India has taken a joint initiative with all the States/UTs for preparation of State specific documents for providing 24x7 power supply to all households, industrial & commercial consumers and adequate supply of power to agricultural consumers as per State policy. All the State Governments including Government of Himachal Pradesh and Union Territories have signed the “24X7 Power For All” document to provide electricity to all from 1st April 2019. Government of India supplements the efforts of States through its various schemes including Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) etc.

Further Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya in September, 2017 with an outlay of Rs.16,320 crore including a Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs.12,320.00 crore . Under the scheme, remaining un-electrified households are targeted to be electrified by 31st March, 2019.

An amount of Rs.289.71 crore has been released to Government of Himachal Pradesh under DDUGJY including its RE Component and Rs.11.79 crore under IPDS as of now.
