

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3200
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023

SMART METERS

3200 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) the amount of financial assistance that has been approved by the Union Government for the project of installation of smart meters in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to recharge on the lines of mobiles for electricity facility in future; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : Financial assistance for Prepaid Smart Metering & System Metering is envisaged under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). Under RDSS, Rs. 1788.49 crore (including Project Monitoring Agency, PMA charges) with a GBS of Rs. 466.23 crore (including PMA charges) have been sanctioned by the Government of India for installation of 28,00,945 No. of Smart Pre-paid Consumer Meters, 39,012 No. of Smart DT Meters and 1,951 No. of Smart Feeder Meters in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) & (c) : Under RDSS, the installation of Smart Meters is being taken up in pre-paid mode, across the country. The Smart Meters would be connected to Meter Data Management (MDM) system through communication media which facilitates the recharge of Smart Meter through various mediums on the line of mobiles. Smart Meters can be recharged through mobile app, consumer portal, on-line banking, credit cards payment, wallets, etc. The consumer portal/application will also enable consumers to recharge as well as view recharge history, existing balance, daily usage, etc.
