

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
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PRADHAN MANTRI SAUBHAGYA YOJANA

636 DR. SUDHANSHU TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) the number of electricity connections that have been given under the Pradhan Mantri Saubhagya Yojana since its launch;
- (b) the target set about the number of electricity connections to be provided under this scheme;
- (c) the total number of villages electrified under this scheme; and
- (d) the other measures being proposed to provide electricity connections to all poor and deprived people in the country?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : The Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – SAUBHAGYA in October, 2017 with the objective of achieving universal household electrification, by providing electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country.

Under the aegis of SAUBHAGYA, as on 31.03.2021, all the States reported 100% electrification of all the willing un-electrified households, identified before 31.03.2019. As reported by the States, 2.817 crore households were electrified since the launch of SAUBHAGYA, up to 31.03.2021. Thereafter, some of the states reported that some households remained to be electrified, against which, States reported electrification of 4.43 lakh households. Accordingly, a total of 2.86 Crore households have been electrified since the launch of Saubhagya. Work as per the scope has been completed under the scheme and the scheme stands closed on 31.03.2022.

(c) : The main objective of SAUBHAGYA scheme was to achieve universal household electrification for providing electricity connections to all willing un-electrified households in rural areas and all willing poor households in urban areas in the country.

Earlier, Government of India launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), in December, 2014 for strengthening the distribution systems including separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders, strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission & distribution infrastructure, metering of distribution transformers/feeders/consumers and electrification of villages across the country. As reported by the States, all the inhabited un-electrified villages as per Census 2011 stood electrified by 28th April, 2018 across the country under DDUGJY. A total of 18,374 villages were electrified under the scheme. The scheme stands closed as on 31-03-2022.

(d) : Fresh arising of new households is a continuous process and electrification of such households is expected to be taken care of by the Distribution Utilities. However all the households which existed when Saubhagya was sanctioned are to be electrified; and the States have been told that if any such households is left, their electrification be carried out under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
