

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STATUS OF SMART CONSUMER METERS

1585 SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the total number of smart consumer meters sanctioned and awarded specifically for the State of Uttar Pradesh under the National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM);
- (b) the number of smart consumer meters deployed in the State of Uttar Pradesh till date under the said mission;
- (c) the total funds allocated/disbursed for the deployment of smart meters in the said districts under the said mission along with the utilization status of these funds; and
- (d) whether Government has faced challenges or bottlenecks in the deployment of smart meters in the State of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c): Under National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM), no project was executed in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The scheme stands closed on 31.03.2024.

Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) was launched by the Government of India (GoI), in July 2021 with an outlay of Rs. 3,03,758 Crore and a Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs. 97,631 Crore. The scheme aims to support Distribution utilities i.e. DISCOMs/Power Departments to improve the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability in the distribution sector so as to provide quality and reliable supply of power.

Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to utilities for loss reduction and smart metering works.

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The Details of smart consumer meter works sanctioned under the RDSS for State of Uttar Pradesh is as given below:

Sanctioned meters (nos.)	Awarded (nos.)	Installed (nos.)
2,69,79,055	2,69,79,055	3,82,704

For the above sanctioned works, Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 2,857 Cr has been allocated. Funds shall be released as per the scheme guidelines.

(d) : Some of the initial challenges faced in the implementation of smart metering works were:

- i. Timely issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Smart Metering works - being a new initiative
- ii. Timely finalizing the tenders and awarding the works.
- iii. Timely signing of agreements.
- iv. Roll out of comprehensive consumer engagement strategy

However, Ministry of Power through Nodal Agencies (REC Ltd./Power Finance Corporation Ltd.) is providing necessary hand holding and following up with the States/ DISCOMs for the progress of sanctioned works. Advisories and Standard operating Procedures have also been issued for smooth roll out of Smart meters. As a result, the works have started picking up pace.
