

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

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NATIONAL STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME IN THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) whether Government implements National Street Lighting Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the districts in State of Tamil Nadu covered under the said programme;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under the said programme in the country, including State of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether any problems have been reported in the implementation of the said programme; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to overcome such problems?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a): Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) launched in 2015, aims to reduce energy consumption and costs in public lighting through widespread adoption of LED lamps for street lighting across India. The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of CPSEs under Ministry of Power, is the implementing agency for the SLNP.

(b): The SLNP is a voluntary programme wherein Local Bodies/ State/UT Government need to express its consent and willingness to implement the programme in their jurisdiction. Till date no such request/consent has been received from Tamil Nadu by the EESL.

(c): Government of India has not allocated any funds for SLNP, as the programme is implemented by EESL in self-financing mode.

(d) & (e): There have generally been no specific problems in implementing the SLNP, once the agreements and consents from the respective authorities are finalized.

However, the outstanding receivables against SLNP amounting approximately to ₹2702 crores [excluding Delayed Payment Surcharge], as on 30.06.2025 from various States and ULBs, is one of the major challenges being faced by EESL.

SLNP has largely achieved its objective of catalyzing the adoption of energy efficient street lights in the country and now urban and rural local bodies are taking it forward through alternative options including CAPEX model.
