

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.145
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026

SMART METER INSTALLATION PROGRESS IN WEST BENGAL

145. SHRI BISWAJIT SINHA (RAHUL SINHA):

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

(a) whether West Bengal has installed only 5,45,586 of 2,07,17,969 sanctioned consumer smart meters, a mere 2.63 per cent, as on 31st December, 2025, making it the worst-performing State among all States;

(b) district-wise status of smart meter installation in West Bengal, including consumer meters, distribution transformer meters and feeder meters and the districts where installation progress is below even the State average of 2.63 per cent; and

(c) updated installation figures following Power Minister's visit to West Bengal in May, 2026 and the specific district-wise targets and monthly milestones committed to by the new State Government for smart meter deployment?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c) : Under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), West Bengal has awarded contracts for 40,35,262 smart meters in the initial phase against sanctioned 2,10,35,262 smart meters. Progress as on 30.06.2026 is as below:

Category	Sanctioned (Nos.)	Awarded (nos.)	Installed (Nos.)	Installed (%)
Consumer	2,07,17,969	37,17,969	6,02,982	2.91%
DT	3,05,419	3,05,419	86,772	28.41%
Feeder	11,874	11,874	11,917	100%
Total	2,10,35,262	40,35,262	7,01,671	3.34%

District wise details are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

In addition, as informed by the State, smart meters are also being installed for 4.8 lakh consumers through World Bank funding, out of which 77,760 Nos. have been installed. Details, as provided by State, are enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

During the Union Power Minister's visit to West Bengal in May 2026, the State committed to complete the installation of all currently awarded smart meters by November 2027.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 145 ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 20.07.2026

District wise details of smart metering works under RDSS

District	Consumer Metering			DT Metering			Feeder Metering		
	Sanctioned (Nos)	Installed (Nos)	Installed (%)	Sanctioned (Nos)	Installed (Nos)	Installed (%)	Sanctioned (Nos)	Installed (Nos)	Installed (%)
24 PGS (North)	17,00,280	3,02,711	17.80%	18,313	12,771	70%	879	911	104%
24 PGS (South)	18,96,986	13,734	0.72%	18,411	-	0%	777	836	108%
Alipurduar	4,08,578	4,352	1.07%	3,863	-	0%	202	182	90%
Bankura	7,83,395	11,468	1.46%	15,099	4,231	28%	529	488	92%
Bidhan Nagar	6,85,815	10,253	1.50%	5,990	-	0%	857	1,072	125%
Birbhum	7,83,437	9,777	1.25%	20,687	-	0%	625	566	91%
Cooch Behar	7,13,010	7,087	0.99%	9,383	-	0%	426	290	68%
Dakshin Dinajpur	4,22,269	3,339	0.79%	10,954	-	0%	228	212	93%
Darjeeling	5,71,105	7,826	1.37%	6,020	-	0%	568	588	104%
Hooghly	15,96,183	14,661	0.92%	19,302	9,510	49%	829	690	83%
Howrah	11,68,460	15,948	1.36%	8,686	7,615	88%	588	659	112%
Jalpaiguri	5,58,971	5,712	1.02%	8,404	-	0%	229	316	138%
Jhargram	1,01,212	4,259	4.21%	5,217	4,672	90%	182	155	85%
Kalimpong	90,798	692	0.76%	717	-	0%	76	29	38%
Malda	9,82,963	8,351	0.85%	13,954	-	0%	406	390	96%
Murshidabad	16,65,836	16,411	0.99%	23,835	-	0%	693	720	104%
Nadia	11,00,554	85,285	7.75%	15,801	15,126	96%	481	601	125%
Paschim Burdwan	5,62,628	5,301	0.94%	7,778	36	0%	565	524	93%
Paschim Midnapur	10,73,838	14,107	1.31%	30,999	14,579	47%	888	726	82%
Purba Burdwan	14,53,372	34,974	2.41%	24,067	14,830	62%	769	767	100%
Purba Medinipur	14,66,227	13,602	0.93%	21,738	-	0%	413	589	143%
Purulia	2,53,255	6,911	2.73%	7,326	3,402	46%	366	317	87%
Uttar Dinajpur	6,78,797	6,221	0.92%	8,875	-	0%	298	289	97%
Total	2,07,17,969	6,02,982	2.91%	3,05,419	86,772	28.41%	11,874	11,917	100%

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 145 ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 20.07.2026

District wise Smart Meter Installation under World Bank Funding

Region	Scope	Total Installed	Percentage of Installation (%)
Bidhannagar	2,88,713	42,401	14.69
Hooghly	1,92,077	35,359	18.41
