

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1744
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026

**PROGRESS OF POWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND SMART METERING
PROJECTS IN BIHAR**

1744 # DR. DHARMSHILA GUPTA:

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

- (a) amount of funds approved, released and utilised so far under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the State of Bihar;
- (b) number of smart prepaid meters installed so far under the scheme and the number of new power substations, transmission lines and power distribution infrastructure projects approved and completed thereunder;
- (c) the number of projects currently under construction and the timeline for their completion; and
- (d) whether the Central Government is considering to approve additional projects under the scheme to ensure uninterrupted and quality power supply in the State of Bihar?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a): The amount of funds approved, released and utilized till date, under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), in the State of Bihar is as below:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Total Outlay	Sanctioned Gross Budgetary Support (GBS)	GBS released till date	GBS utilized till date
12,581	6,748	3,536	3,533

(b) & (c): Under RDSS, smart metering works have been sanctioned in Bihar for 23,50,000 consumer meters, 2,50,726 Distribution Transformer (DT) meters and 6,427 feeder meters. As on 21.07.2026, 21,02,893 smart prepaid meters have been installed under RDSS. A total of 93,14,041 smart prepaid meters have been installed in the State under various schemes including under State scheme.

Further, loss reduction works amounting to Rs 6976.41 Cr have been sanctioned for the State. The Sanctioned works include creation of new sub-stations, installation of HT and LT lines, installation of Distribution Transformers, feeder segregation works and household electrification works. The overall physical progress of loss reduction works in the State is about 54% as on date. The sunset date of the scheme is 31.03.2028. The details of sanctioned quantities and achievement in respect of smart metering and loss reduction works are placed at **Annexure**.

(d): Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity to all consumers, is within the purview of the respective State Government/ distribution utility. As per Rule (10) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, the distribution licensee shall supply 24x7 power to all consumers. However, the Commission may specify lower hours of supply for some categories of consumers. The Rules are applicable for all States and UTs. Government of India (GoI) supplements the efforts of the States through various schemes to help achieve the objective of providing quality and reliable supply of power to all consumers.

It is envisaged that the sanctioned infrastructure works along with improvement in financial viability of distribution utilities as a result of various reform measures undertaken in the scheme, would lead to improvement in quality of supply of power.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1744 ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 03.08.2026**

A. Status of Smart Metering works under RDSS in Bihar

Sr. No.	Description	UoM	Sanctioned Qty.	Achievement
a	Smart prepaid Consumer meter	Nos.	23,50,000	21,02,893
b	Feeder meter	Nos.	6,427	6,163
c	DT meter	Nos.	2,50,726	2,02,808

B. Progress of Loss Reduction works under RDSS in Bihar :

Sr. No.	Description	UoM	Sanctioned Qty.	Achievement
a	New Sub-Station	Nos.	167	0 (under construction)
b	HT Line	Ckm	43,945	32,299
c	LT Line	Ckm	70,863	76,043
d	Distribution Transformer	Nos.	52,142	53,972
e	Feeder segregation	Nos.	1,555	1,408
f	Additional Households	Nos.	35,467	352
g	Households belonging to Particular vulnerable Tribal Group under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)	Nos.	51	51
h	Households belonging to Scheduled Tribe under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA)	Nos.	7,117	1,635
