GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1787 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

IMPACT OF UDAY

1787. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV: SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) which was approved by the Union Government on 5 November, 2015 and considerded to be a path breaking power reform to improve the fiscal health of power distribution companies has worsened their finances in the past few months;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether there is an urgent need to improve and revamp the monitoring system of rural feeder system which is leading to increase in AT&C losses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps Union Government has taken or proposes to take in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. Interventions under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana, launched by the Government of India on 20-11-2015, including reduction in interest costs & cost of power and efficiency gains have yielded encouraging outcomes. As per the unaudited data submitted by States, the participating states have achieved an improvement of 1.00% in Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses and Rs.0.17 a Unit in the gap between Average Cost of Supply and Average Revenue Realized in FY 2017.
- (c) & (d): Recognizing that feeder monitoring is an important tool for loss reduction, the Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.233.03 crores for online monitoring of Rural Feeders in the country.
