

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018**

DEFINITION OF AN ELECTRIFIED VILLAGE

2123. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

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

- (a) the definition of an electrified village;**
- (b) whether around 18,000 villages have been electrified as per Government estimates in the country, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the percentage of households which need to have electricity connections in a village, the minimum hours of electricity supply and the minimum hours of electricity usage, etc. as per the definition of electrified village given by the Government; and**
- (d) whether the Government is planning to specify these parameters in the definition of electrified village, if they are not specified now and if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) : According to Rural Electrification Policy 2006, a village is reported as electrified, if

i) basic infrastructure such as Distribution Transformer and Distribution Lines are provided in the inhabited locality as well as the locality inhabited by weaker sections of the society/hamlet where it exists;

ii) electricity is provided to public places like Schools, Panchayat Office, Health Centres, Dispensaries, Community Centres etc.; and

iii) the number of households electrified should be at least 10% of the total number of households in the village.

(b) : As per information provided by the States, there were 18,452 un-electrified census villages in the country on 01.04.2015; as of 28.02.2018, only 908 census un-electrified villages are left for electrification. It is targeted to electrify all the remaining un-electrified census villages by 1st May, 2018.

(c) & (d) : Currently, there is no proposal to change this norm. Now, Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya, to provide last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural and all poor households in urban areas across the country. All the remaining un-electrified households are targeted for electrification by 31st March, 2019. All State Governments and UTs have already agreed for 24x7 Power for All from April, 2019.
