

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4388
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018**

SAUBHAGYA

4388. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) the salient features of the Saubhagya scheme;**
- (b) the total outlay for the scheme and the outlay for rural and urban households;**
- (c) whether the scheme will help the country to meet its global climate change commitments; and**
- (d) 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) & (b) : Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya in September, 2017 with an outlay of Rs.16,320 Crore. Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for rural areas is Rs.10587.50 crore and for urban areas is Rs.1732.50 Crore. The salient features of the scheme, are as under:

- (i) Last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas.**
- (ii) Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) based standalone systems for un-electrified households located in remote and inaccessible villages / habitations, where grid extension is neither feasible nor cost effective.**
- (iii) Last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all remaining economically poor un-electrified households in urban areas. Non-poor urban households are excluded from this scheme.**

(c) & (d) : ‘Saubhagya’ scheme includes provision of solar photo voltaic (SPV) based standalone systems to provide electricity to un-electrified households in remote & inaccessible villages/habitations, where grid extension is not feasible or cost effective. The use of solar energy/electricity for these villages would reduce carbon emissions, thus helping the country to meet global climate change commitments.
