

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4570  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018**

**ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS**

**†4570. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to spend Rs.16000 crore to provide four crore power connections;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to execute this work through State Governments and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the execution of this work through State Governments is likely to result in slow pace of implementation of the scheme; and**
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to execute the said work under its supervision to provide domestic power connections on time and to utilize the funds properly?**

**A N S W E R**

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

**( SHRI R. K. SINGH )**

**(a) to (d) : Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya, in September, 2017 with an outlay of Rs.16,320 crore including a Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs.12,320.00 crore. The objective of the scheme is to provide last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural and all poor households in urban areas.**

**The household electrification under Saubhagya is executed by the respective States/DISCOMs/Power Department on turn-key or partial turnkey or departmental basis, as per the guidelines issued.**

**Under the scheme, remaining un-electrified households are targeted to be electrified by 31st March, 2019. To achieve the aforesaid target, a robust monitoring mechanism is in place at District, State and Central level. Web based monitoring mechanism has been deployed for monitoring the progress of un-electrified households and the information is made available in public domain. Further, an additional grant of 15% (5% for special category states) of the project cost is available to the States on timely completion of household electrification works.**

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