GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2661 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018

SAUBHAGYA

2661. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA: SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched a scheme called "Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana" (SAUBHAGYA) to provide electricity to all households which are without power connection;
- (b) if so, the number of families in rural, tribal and hilly areas across the country got power connection as on 30 June, 2018; and
- (c) whether the targets for providing electricity in rural, tribal and in hilly areas in various States across the country have been achieved during the last three years and if so, the details of the extent to which the achievements have been made?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) to (c): Government of India have launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana –"Saubhagya" to achieve universal household electrification by providing last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural and urban areas. All remaining un-electrified households are targeted for electrification by 31st March, 2019.

Under Saubhagya scheme which was launched on 11th October, 2017, 79.34 lakh households have been electrified across the country including rural, tribal and hilly areas, up to 30.06.2018.

BPL connections including those in tribal & hilly areas released under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in the last three years vis-a-vis target is as under:

Year	Target	Achievement
2015-16	14.00 lakh	14.39 lakh
2016-17	14.00 lakh	22.42 lakh
2017-18	40.00 lakh	50.41 lakh
