GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3888
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2019

STRENGTHENING OF TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION

3888. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has taken any landmark decisions in thermal power generation, hydel, solar, wind and other green energy, strengthening of transmission and distribution, separation of feeder and metering of power to consumers;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether the Government has launched any scheme aiming to provide quality and reliable 24×7 power supply in the urban area; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof?

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) :   The Government has taken a number of policy decisions for integrated development of Power Sector. These include flexibility in utilization of domestic coal amongst power generating stations and third party sampling of quality of coal utilized by power plants, to reduce the cost of Thermal power generation, excluding hydro power from competitive bidding up to 2022, encouraging solar energy by providing fiscal and promotional incentives, strengthening of Transmission and Distribution network through Schemes such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) for financial turnabout of DISCOMs.

(c) & (d) :   Government of India has taken a joint initiative with all the States/UTs for providing 24X7 power for all households, industrial & commercial consumers and adequate supply of power to agriculture consumers as per State policy. All the State Governments and Union Territories have signed the "24 X 7 Power for All" to provide electricity to all from 1st April, 2019. The Government would be supplementing their efforts through its schemes including DDUGJY, IPDS, Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) and UDAY.

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