

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3018
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019**

ELECTRICITY GRID

3018. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

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

(a) whether a large population in the country do not have access to the electricity grid and are living in complete darkness and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether kerosene lanterns are used by them which are extremely harmful to health and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide electricity to all in the country?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c) : Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya in October, 2017 with the aim to achieve universal household electrification by providing electricity connections to all remaining un-electrified households in rural and all poor households in urban areas across the country. The Scheme includes provision of solar based standalone systems to provide electricity to un-electrified households in remote & inaccessible villages/habitations, where grid extension is not feasible or cost is prohibitive.

All States have declared electrification of all households on Saubhagya portal, except 18,734 households in LWE affected areas of Chhattisgarh as on 31.03.2019. Subsequently, Government of Rajasthan reported that some additional households remained to be electrified. They have been asked to electrify the remaining households quickly.
