

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4132  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019**

**DEFINITION OF ELECTRIFIED VILLAGE**

**4132. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:**

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

- (a) the total number of villages electrified under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total number of villages with electricity connections to every households out of the aforesaid number of villages, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether for a village to be considered 'electrified', only 10% of households in a village needs to be electrified and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to change the definition of village electrification to electrification of 100% of households in a village; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**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**

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(a) & (b) : As reported by the States, all the inhabited census villages across the country stand electrified on 28.04.2018. There were 18,452 un-electrified villages in the country as reported by the States on 01.04.2015. Additional 1,227 villages were subsequently reported un-electrified by the States. During the execution of the programme 1305 villages were found un-inhabited/permanent grazing reserve; and remaining 18,374 villages were electrified. State-wise details are at Annexure.

Government of India launched 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 un-electrified households in rural and all poor households in urban areas across the country, by 31st March, 2019. 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.

(c) : The definition of village electrification has lost its significance since launch of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - Saubhagya on 11.10.2017 which provides for last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural and all poor households in urban areas across the country.

(d) & (e): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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**ANNEXURE****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4132 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2019.**

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**Status of villages Electrification in the Country (State-wise)**

Sl. No.	State	No. Of un-electrified Villages reported by the States as on 01.04.2015	No. of un-electrified villages subsequently reported by the States	Total Un-electrified villages	Villages found uninhabited/permanent grazing reserve	Total No. Of Villages Electrified
1	2	3	4	5 = (3)+(4)	6	7 = (5)-(6)
1	Arunachal Pr.	1578	77	1655	172	1483
2	Assam	2892		2892	160	2732
3	Bihar	2747	267	3014	108	2906
4	Chhattisgarh	1080		1080	2	1078
5	Himachal Pr.	35		35	7	28
6	J&K	134		134	5	129
7	Jharkhand	2525	120	2645	62	2583
8	Karnataka	39		39		39
9	Madhya Pr.	472		472	50	422
10	Maharashtra		88	88	8	80
11	Manipur	276	95	371	5	366
12	Meghalaya	912	154	1066	15	1051
13	Mizoram	58		58	4	54
14	Nagaland	82		82	4	78
15	Odisha	3474	386	3860	579	3281
16	Rajasthan	495		495	68	427
17	Tripura	26		26		26
18	Uttar Pr.	1529	22	1551	53	1498
19	Uttarakhand	76	18	94	3	91
20	West Bengal	22		22		22
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18452</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>19679</b>	<b>1305</b>	<b>18374</b>

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