

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1500
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DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY IN ASSAM

1500. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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

- (a) the reasons which hindered distribution of electricity in non-cadastral villages in Assam, district-wise including Bongaigaon and Barpeta;**
- (b) whether the Government has prepared any plan to make power available in such villages;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide alternative power connectivity to such villages; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c) : Government of India launched the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in December, 2014 for rural electrification works across the country. As reported by the States, all the inhabited un-electrified census villages in the country were electrified by 28th April, 2018. A total of 18,374 villages were electrified under the scheme. Under DDUGJY and, thereafter, under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya), the electrification of all the villages and all willing Households was reported completed by 31st March, 2019 by all State Governments.

A total of 2.86 crore Households were electrified under the aegis of Saubhagya, including additional households in two tranches that were unwilling for electrification earlier but became willing later.

The State Government of Assam has reported that it has made arrangements to make power available in all non-cadastral villages. Under Saubhagya, a total of 40,073 nos. of households in 435 non-cadastral villages were provided with electricity connections, including non-cadastral villages of Bongaigaon and Barpeta districts.

The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) has provisions for providing assistance for giving connectivity to any habitation/household which may have been left out, provided that the said house/habitation was in existence when DDUGJY/Saubhagya were sanctioned.

Construction of new households is a continuous process and electrification of such households is expected to be taken care of by the Distribution Utilities.

(d) & (e) : MNRE is implementing Solar Roof top Programme.
