

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1541
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022**

POWER TO ALL

1541. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved '24X7 power to all' in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the action taken by the Government to strengthen the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) to supply 24X7 power to all; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Electricity is a concurrent subject and supply/distribution of electricity to all the consumers of urban and rural areas falls primarily under the purview of the respective State Governments and/or State Power Utilities. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through its various schemes including Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to help them to achieve the objective of providing uninterrupted power supply to all households.

All the States and the Union Territories (UTs) have signed MoUs with the Central Government to ensure 24x7 power supply w.e.f. 1st April,2019 onwards. Many States and UTs claim to supply 24x7 power other than the planned outages and interruptions due to unforeseen events.

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(c) & (d) : Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) was launched in December, 2014 for Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks in urban areas; Metering of distribution transformers/ feeders/ consumers in the urban areas; IT enablement works; Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP); Smart metering; Gas Insulated Sub-stations (GIS); and, Real Time Data Acquisition System (RT-DAS). Under the Scheme, Central funding was provided for the implementation of these works. Besides the aforesaid works, funds were also sanctioned by the Government for underground (UG) cabling and Aerial Bunched (AB) cables which helped in the reduction of Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses. All these distribution infrastructure works has supplemented the efforts of the Government to ensure 24x7 power to all.

Government of India have also launched the Reforms Based Result Linked Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), with an outlay of Rs. 3,03,758 Crore and an estimated GBS of Rs.97,631 Crores from Central Government. The Scheme seeks to improve the operational efficiency and financial sustainability of all Discoms/Power Departments excluding private Discoms by providing conditional financial assistance to Discoms for strengthening of supply infrastructure and for installation of smart Meters in Pre-paid mode.
