

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.337
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023**

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) the details of the efforts being made/proposed to be made by the Government to provide electricity supply in rural areas;**
- (b) the details of the major schemes being run/proposed to be run by the Government to provide electricity in hilly and remote areas;**
- (c) whether any new policy is proposed by the Government to provide adequate and continuous supply of electricity to the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the efforts being made/proposed to be made by the Government to provide electricity in the aspirational districts?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 337 FOR REPLY ON 23.03.2023 REGARDING ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS ASKED BY SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL

(a) & (b) : Government of India assists the States through its plethora of schemes like Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY), SAUBHAGYA, RDSS etc. to help them to achieve the objective of providing uninterrupted power supply to all the 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.

Under the aegis of SAUBHAGYA, a total 2.86 crore households have been electrified.

Recently, Government of India have launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), with an outlay of Rs.3,03,758 Crores and an estimated GBS of Rs.97,631 Crores from the Central Government. This Scheme has been formulated with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of power supply to the consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient Distribution Sector for strengthening of supply infrastructure across the country including rural, urban, hilly and remote areas.

Fresh construction of new households is a continuous process and electrification of such households is to be taken care of by the Distribution Utilities. The Government of India is committed to extend financial assistance to the States to electrify any remaining households which existed at the time of launch of SAUBHAGYA. In this regard, the States may submit their request for electrification of remaining households, as per the approved guidelines, under the RDSS.

(c) : The segregation of remaining agriculture feeders where agriculture load is more than 30% has been envisaged under the RDSS. Under this Scheme, the States are encouraged to segregate the agriculture feeder from mixed feeders, thereby providing reliable power supply to agriculture consumers and facilitate proper energy accounting. A convergence with KUSUM has also been envisaged, while issuing sanctions under the RDSS. Till date, Rs.29,945.29 crores has been sanctioned for segregation of agricultural feeders.

(d) : Till date, under the RDSS, DPRs amounting to Rs.1,19,134 crores have been sanctioned, including Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs.75,884 crores. Out of total sanction, as proposed by State/Discoms, Rs.14,509 crores has been sanctioned for Aspirational Districts of all the States (excluding Odisha, Karnataka and Telangana) for works like HVDS, cabling, feeder segregation etc.
