

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2329
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023**

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY IN REMOTE HILLY AREAS

2329. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) the details of efforts being made by the Government to meet the demand of electricity in tribal dominated rural areas;**
- (b) the details of various projects being run by the Government to ensure supply of electricity in rural areas of Jharkhand during the last four years;**
- (c) the details of efforts being made by the Government to ensure the supply of electricity in remote hilly areas;**
- (d) whether any new project to provide electricity in Giridih Parliamentary Constituency is under consideration; 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, through its various schemes including Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA), helped Distribution Utilities to achieve the objective of providing uninterrupted power supply to all households. Ministry of Power implemented these schemes at a cost of over Rs. 2 lakh crore for strengthening the distribution system of the country.

Under DDUGJY, launched in December, 2014, rural electrification works across the country were carried out. 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, including 2,583 villages of Jharkhand State. Under DDUGJY and thereafter under SAUBHAGYA, the electrification of all villages and all willing Households was completed by 31st March, 2019 as reported by all State Governments. A total of 2.86 crore households were electrified under the aegis of SAUBHAGYA, including

17,30,708 households of Jharkhand State upto 31.03.2022. As reported by the States, all the willing un-electrified households, identified before March, 2019 were electrified, including those in hilly areas. Both the schemes stand closed as on 31.03.2022.

Recently, Government of India has launched Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of power supply to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient Distribution Sector. The Scheme has an outlay of Rs. 3,03,758 crore and a Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 97,631 crore from Government of India over a period of five years from 2021-22 to FY 2025-26. RDSS has a universal coverage and is mainly focused on strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network of project areas for the benefit of consumers including tribal areas.

Details of projects sanctioned for Jharkhand (JBVNL) DISCOM under RDSS are as under:

(Amount Rs in Cr)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project in Jharkhand	Approved Project Cost	Gol Grant Sanctioned
1.	RDSS Smart Metering Works	858	130
2.	RDSS Loss Reduction Works	3,262	1,957
	Total	4,120	2,088

Currently, the DISCOM is in process of tendering and award of sanctioned smart metering works.

(d) & (e) : Details of projects sanctioned under RDSS for Giridih Parliamentary constituency, covering 03 districts namely Giridih, Bokaro & Dhanbad of JBVNL DISCOM under loss reduction are as under:

Sl. No.	Items	Units	Giridih District	Dhanbad District	Bokaro District
1	AB Cabling works	Ckm	1390	2529	1120
2	HVDS				
	(i)11 KV line	Ckm	315	393	200
	(ii)New DTR	Nos	160	160	68
	(iii)AB Cabling works	CKm	140	136	71
3	Feeder Bifurcation				
	(i)11 KV line	Ckm	283	95	114
	(ii)New DTR	Nos	82	257	166
	(iii)AB Cabling works	CKm	94	340	236
4	Segregation of Agriculture/Mix Feeders				
	(i)11 KV line	Ckm	190	39	88
	(ii)New DTR	Nos	25	20	49
	(iii)AB Cabling works	CKm	34	19	72
