

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3059
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GRAM UJALA SCHEME

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SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:**

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

- (a) the features and aim of Gram Ujala Scheme along with the targets set and achieved thereunder;**
- (b) the details of the States where the scheme has been implemented/proposed to be implemented by the Government;**
- (c) whether several regions of Jharkhand alongwith Vaishali and Muzaffarpur districts of Bihar has been identified or selected under the first phase of Gram Ujala Scheme;**
- (d) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof with special reference to Jharkhand and Bihar;**
- (e) the quantum of funds allocated/released to Jharkhand and Bihar under the said scheme;**
- (f) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the beneficiaries aware about the said scheme;**
- (g) whether the Government proposes to start the second phase of Gram Ujala Scheme; and**
- (h) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be started?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Aiming to promote efficient use of energy at residential level in rural areas, Gram UJALA programme was launched in Arrah District, Bihar and Varanasi District, Uttar Pradesh in March 2021. Under this scheme, around one crore LED bulb of 7W and 12W, at affordable price, were distributed to the rural consumers in five States, namely Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka.

(c) & (d) : Gram UJALA was not implemented in the State of Jharkhand. The scheme was implemented in Vaishali and Muzaffarpur districts of Bihar, where 1,98,634 and 82,742 LED bulbs were distributed respectively. In Bihar, around 37.62 Lakh LED bulbs were distributed under the Scheme in the rural areas.

(e) : There is no budgetary allocation by States/Central Govt. for funding the Gram Ujala Scheme. This is a self financing initiative of Energy Efficiency Services Limited with the revenues to be realized through Carbon Credits.

(f) : Various awareness activities such as local/national media outreach information dissemination through radio/TV and other modes of media like banners, posters, leaflets etc are being regularly carried out for promoting the usage of LED bulbs amongst the beneficiaries.

(g) to (h) : Expansion of Gram Ujala Scheme would be subject to outcome of the above scheme in terms of financial viability.
