# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.792 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

# **ELECTRICITY CONNECTION TO POOR FAMILIES**

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target to provide electricity connection to poor families in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the financial assistance provided to the State Governments for the said purpose?

### ANSWER

### THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b): Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya in October, 2017 with the objective to achieve universal household electrification for providing electricity connections to all willing unelectrified households in rural areas and all willing poor households in urban areas in the country.

Under the Saubhagya scheme, as on 31.03.2021 all the States reported 100% electrification of all the willing un-electrified households. A total of 2.817 crore households were electrified up to 31.03.2021. Further, states reported 4.43 lakh additional households have been electrified under DDUGJY. Accordingly, as on 31.03.2022, a total of 2.86 crore households have been electrified since the launch of Saubhagya.

Under Saubhagya scheme and DDUGJY (Additional Households), a total grant of Rs. 6,819.4 Crores has been disbursed and the Schemes stand closed. As the arising of new households is a dynamic and continuous process, the states have been asked to take care of the future requirement.

The Central Government in line with its commitment, is further supporting States for electrification of left-out households, identified before 31.03.2019 (period of execution of SAUBHAGYA), under the ongoing scheme of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). Till date, the approval has been accorded for around 4.96 Lakh left-out households for electrification for the State of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The details in this regard are as given below:

State	No. of HHs Proposed	Approved Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
Rajasthan	1,90,959	459.18
Uttar Pradesh	2,99,546	338.46
Andhra Pradesh	5,577	16.00

Further, all left out households of particularly vulnerable Tribal Groups will be electrified in mission mode under PM JANMAN. The funding for this mission will be provided from RDSS.

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