# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.846 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

## **ACCESS TO RELIABLE ELECTRICITY**

## 846. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of rural households in Kerala not having access to reliable electricity;
- (b) whether the Government has devised a concrete plan for increasing access to clean electricity in rural areas of Kerala; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

# THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a): The State Government of Kerala has reported that the State had achieved 100% village electrification by 1987. The Supply and distribution of electricity to all consumers is done by the State Power Utilities. Government of India has assisted the States through its various earlier schemes such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and is assisting the State through Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to achieve the objective of providing uninterrupted power supply to all households. A total of 136193 numbers of BPL Households were connected under DDUGJY in Kerala from 2015 to 2019. The construction of new households is a dynamic and continuous process, the DISCOMs are duty bound to ensure that those seeking connections are connected.

In addition, all identified beneficiary Households under PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) for PVTG Development Mission for on-grid electricity connection shall be eligible for funding under RDSS as per the scheme guidelines.

(b) & (c): As on 31st October, 2023, a cumulative capacity of 3058.35 MW Renewable Energy has been installed in the state of Kerala which includes 858.68 MW Solar Power, 1864.15 MW Large Hydro, 62.50 MW Wind Power, 270.52 MW Small Hydro Power and 2.50 MW Bio-Power.

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