GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3966 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019

POWER FEEDERS

3966. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to separate power feeders for agriculture and households in all the States for effective utilization of ground water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the detailed analysis of the power consumption in agriculture sector?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

- (a) to (c): Government of India launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in December, 2014 for various rural electrification works including separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders facilitating judicious supply to agricultural & non-agricultural consumers in the rural areas; strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission & distribution infrastructure in rural areas. Projects of Rs.15,560.58 crore have been sanctioned for separation of feeders.
- (d): There has been an increasing trend in power consumption in agriculture sector. Latest available data with Central Electricity Authority (CEA) reports 173185.37 MU; 191150.89 MU; and 199246.85 MU power consumption in agriculture sector in the years 2015-16; 2016-17; and 2017-18 respectively.
