

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3890
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021**

FREE ELECTRICITY TO FARMERS

3890. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

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

- (a) whether some States are providing free electricity to farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of farmers benefitted during the last three years and the current year, crop and State-wise;
- (c) whether the State Government of Telangana was providing free electricity to farmers for 24 hours and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the role of the Government along with the quantum of funds spent thereto for the said purpose, State-wise?

A N S W E R

**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) & (b) : As per section 65 of the Electricity Act 2003, the State Governments may grant any subsidy, to any consumer or class of consumers including farmers, in the tariff determined by the State Commission. Accordingly, some states provide subsidy to farmers which may be to the extent of part or full tariff as determined by the State Commission.

As per the information given by the States to Central Electricity Authority, the details of States which are providing free electricity to farmers are given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) : As per information received from Telangana State Transco Ltd, the Telangana State is providing 24 hours free electricity supply to farmers w.e.f. 01.01.2018 onwards. The number of farmers benefitted in the State of Telangana during the last three years and the current year is given below:

FY wise	No. of Agriculture farmers benefitted in Telangana State (for all crops) in Lakhs
2017-18	22.99
2018-19	23.80
2019-20	24.46
2020-21 (as on Jan2021)	25.11

As per the Electricity Act 2003, the subsidy is given by the State Government. Reported state-wise direct electricity subsidy extended to Agriculture sector by the State for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 is given at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3890 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2021**

The details of States which are providing free electricity to farmers

Sl. No.	State	Effective date	Category	Charge Rate	*Number of Agriculture consumer as 31.03.2019
1	Andhra Pradesh	w.e.f. 01.04.2019	AGRICULTURE & RELATED Non-Corporate Farmers/ Sugarcane Crushing/Rural Horticulture Nurseries	Nil	1740418
2	Karnataka	w.e.f. 01.04.2019	Agriculture (For connected load upto 10HP)	Nil	2969013
3	Punjab	w.e.f. 01.06.2019	Agriculture (For all connected load) (With Govt. subsidy)	Nil	1378960
4	Tamil Nadu	w.e.f. 11.08.2017	Agriculture (For all connected load)	Nil	2117440
5	Telangana	w.e.f. 01.04.2018	Agricultural (Demand Side Management(DSM) measures mandatory) Other than Corporate farmers	Nil	2305318

***As per General Review 2020 published by Central Electricity Authority.**

ANNEXURE-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3890 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2021**

Sl. No.	State	2017-18	2018-19
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0.02	
2	Assam	0.00	0
3	Andhra Pradesh	2750.00	1250.00
4	Bihar	165.05	318.2
5	Chhattisgarh	1668.66	1645.31
6	Delhi*		6.69
7	Goa	0.00	0.16
8	Gujarat	5873.62	6259.44
9	Himachal Pradesh	12.17	16.74
10	Haryana*	6550.86	7139.72
11	J & K		
12	Jharkhand*	0.00	22.88
13	Karnataka	8449.85	8856.66
14	Kerala	16.07	23.21
15	Madhya Pradesh	8763.48	9903.01
16	Maharashtra	4870.00	5539.00
17	Manipur	0.76	
18	Mizoram	0.00	0.00
19	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00
20	Nagaland	0.00	0.00
21	Odisha	0.00	0.00
22	Punjab	6029.29	5669.51
23	Rajasthan	10033.07	10718.03
24	Sikkim	0.00	0
25	Tamil Nadu	3765.91	4097.6
26	Telangana	3235.66	4687.44
27	Tripura	5.39	4.43
28	Uttarakhand	0.00	0.00
29	Uttar Pradesh	240.00	1700
30	West Bengal	22.91	22.84
31	A&N Islands	1.06	1.21
32	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00
33	Daman & Diu	0.00	
34	D&NH	0.00	0.00
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00
36	Puducherry	2.02	3.10
37	Ladakh		

Source: Department/SERC/JERC/Discoms of States/UTs

J&K (Now 2 UTs) have not sent data from 2015-16 till date. Haryana figures are for UHBVNL, Panchkula

Bihar has given DS of only FY 2018-19 rest Year's DS is of previous communication

Assam Subsidy figures are updated after telephonic conversation

*GoNCTD has provided direct subsidy @ Rs. 105/kW/month on fixed charges to Agriculture Sector.
