# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1975 ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022

#### FREE ELECTRICITY TO HOUSEHOLDS AND INDUSTRIES

**1975. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:** 

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of free electricity provided to households and industries across the country during the last three years and the current years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the bifurcated details of household and industrial consumption of power, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has observed an increase or decrease in power consumption since announcement of such schemes during the said period and if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any study or survey to understand positive or negative externalities of such announcements; and
- (e) if so, whether its findings have been circulated as advisory to States/UTs and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

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

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(a) to (e): Tariffs for various category of consumers of DISCOMs is decided by the respective State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) while the decisions of subsidies and/or free power is taken by the respective State Governments.

As per information available, the overall subsidies to all consumers including Household and Industrial consumers also including the free power cost burden in the year 2020-21 was Rs.1,32,416 Crores. State-wise details for the last three years are annexed as Annexure-I. The State-wise consumption of power in Million Units (MUs) across various categories of consumers over the past three years is enclosed as Annexure-II.

Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003 allows the State Governments to grant subsidies to any categories of consumers, in advance. A similar provision exists in the National Tariff Policy, 2016. The Tariff policy also envisages that subsidies should be targeted effectively and in a transparent manner. While the policy envisages that the extent of subsidies to different categories of consumers is the prerogative of the State Governments, the policy also mentions that the provision of free electricity is not desirable as it encourages wasteful consumption of electricity.

The National Electricity Policy, 2005 further provides that the States may give advance subsidies in line with Section 65 of the Electricity Act in which case the necessary budget provision would be required to be made in advance so that the Utility does not suffer financial problems that may affect their operations.

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## ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1975 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2022

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(Amount in Rs. Crores)

	Tariff Subsidy Booked	1	
States /UTs	(2018-19)	(2019-20)	(2020-21)
State Sector	109,290	117,485	129,267
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	-	-
Andhra Pradesh	6,052	7,780	10,265
Arunachal Pradesh	111	-	-
Assam	262	290	418
Bihar	3,843	5,189	6,021
Chandigarh	-	-	-
Chattisgarh	3,564	4,249	3,995
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-
Daman & Diu	-	-	-
Goa	-	-	342
Gujarat	6,944	6,022	6,911
Haryana	7,352	6,991	5,566
Himachal Pradesh	445	497	488
Jammu & Kashmir	1,200	1,200	1,200
Jharkhand	1,250	1,329	1,356
Karnataka	11,883	11,864	12,108
Kerala	-	•	530
Lakshadweep	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	11,615	16,722	19,595
Maharashtra	10,346	8,008	9,484
Manipur	120	120	269
Meghalaya	18	10	18
Mizoram	150	116	83
Nagaland	286	-	-
Odisha	-	-	-
Puducherry	4	6	3
Punjab	8,636	9,212	11,054
Rajasthan	10,812	12,921	16,545
Sikkim	-	5	4
Tamil Nadu	7,694	8,053	8,270
Telangana	5,652	5,652	5,652
Tripura	-	47	54
Uttar Pradesh	10,070	10,120	7,661
Uttarakhand		· -	
West Bengal	982	1,084	1,374
Private Sector	1,699	2,437	3,149
Delhi	1,699	2,437	3,149
Gujarat		-	-
Maharashtra	_	-	
Uttar Pradesh	_	-	-
West Bengal	_	-	-
Grand Total	110,989	119,921	132,416
Source: PFC Report on Performance of Po		- 7	,

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Category wise Energy Sold															
	2018-19 2019-20 2020-21														
	Domestic	Commercial	Agricultural	Industrial	Others	Domestic Commercial Agricultural Industrial Others			Domestic						
States/ UTs	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	cial (MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)
State Sector	253,714	80,704	216,069	282,284	102,607	273,863	94,927	208,912	276,187	102,469	268,117	67,818	215,906	226,116	92,108
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	134	60	1	21	39	140	63	1	25	40	-	-	-	-	-
Andhra Pradesh	14,042	4,556	15,170	17,179	3,619	15,581	5,174	15,054	16,542	8,465	16,535	3,656	16,170	14,644	11,489
Arunachal Pradesh	172	52	-	144	89	178	55	0	167	56	-	-	-	-	-
Assam	3,476	1,097	47	1,642	1,245	3,819	1,112	47	1,075	2,725	5,212	-	37	1,012	2,525
Bihar	11,505	2,068	727	3,133	2,646	14,657	2,127	933	3,344	1,613	16,454	2,398	1,244	3,104	1,143
Chandigarh	705	473	1	260	306	629	469	2	363	365	-	-	-	-	-
Chhattisgarh	5,180	921	4,417	9,539	8,002	5,392	936	4,264	9,618	7,245	-	-	-	-	-
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	129	34	7	5,887	15	149	37	6	6,084	12	157	33	5	5,092	88
Daman & Diu	134	53	5	2,229	22	148	51	4	2,283	30	-	-	-	-	-
Goa	1,161	582	27	1,986	35	1,179	560	32	2,012	55	-	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	11,647	287	19,781	46,205	3,319	12,169	1,916	18,836	44,147	3,549	13,034	4,855	20,190	37,987	3,693
Haryana	9,630	4,510	9,954	13,991	7,860	11,049	4,818	10,562	13,757	4,935	11,976	4,006	10,006	12,663	4,515
Himachal Pradesh	2,106	615	63	5,335	4,610	2,194	623	57	5,323	4,473	2,329	518	73	4,769	4,378
Jammu & Kashmir	3,979	992	434	1,848	2,147	3,427	887	306	1,366	1,772	-	-	-	-	-
Jharkhand	5,442	713	211	2,703	208	5,666	878	194	2,382	284	4,881	677	150	2,015	303
Karnataka	12,856	7,070	22,610	10,324	5,477	13,643	12,250	15,541	10,434	6,007	13,872	4,973	21,089	8,381	6,468
Kerala	10,864	3,221	338	5,835	2,279	11,776	3,402	373	5,798	1,612	12,700	2,982	403	1,087	5,576
Lakshadweep	36	3	-	1	9	36	3	-	0	9	-	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	12,681	2,962	20,700	10,527	3,430	14,703	3,223	23,426	10,932	3,469	10,815	2,073	16,708	7,485	2,582
Maharashtra	19,719	7,277	33,853	37,789	12,101	20,337	7,963	31,943	36,440	12,024	21,416	4,836	33,909	38,094	7,228
Manipur	386	75	2	31	243	458	89	2	37	218	546	121	1	20	178
Meghalaya	417	66	0	486	769	465	99	0	550	699	500	82	0	621	678
Mizoram	228	61	0	14	287	296	58	0	11	371	-	-	-	-	-
Nagaland	351	83	-	52	110	233	50	0	10	115	-	-	-	-	-
Odisha	7,253	2,446	705	6,990	1,975	7,297	2,257	678	6,752	2,529	5,498	1,507	348	3,468	1,495
Puducherry	722	213	60	1,548	111	771	203	61	1,551	108	-	-	-	-	-
Punjab	14,164	3,487	11,227	16,958	1,610	14,144	4,061	11,538	17,559	749	15,324	3,283	13,051	16,428	1,644
Rajasthan	11,984	4,629	22,716	15,487	7,893	12,957	4,913	25,012	14,463	7,538	13,400	3,858	28,504	13,338	7,363
Sikkim	107	41	-	203	790	108	42	-	228	601	-	-	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	27,423	12,697	13,078	18,347	4,581	29,141	13,479	13,829	17,375	3,567	30,783	10,416	13,976	15,202	3,245
Telangana	11,298	5,651	21,936	13,950	8,747	12,257	5,933	20,978	13,763	8,533	12,681	4,707	19,649	12,466	9,947
Tripura	487	57	32	40	2,133	531	72	34	40	1,929	520	64	34	38	1,783
Uttar Pradesh	39,531	8,199	16,107	16,367	7,891	43,005	11,093	13,596	15,230	8,561	43,306	7,691	18,802	13,201	7,372
Uttarakhand	2,849	1,298	345	6,666	1,483	3,114	1,396	203	6,417	1,409	3,308	1,215	225	5,763	1,207
West Bengal	10,915	4,154	1,516	8,567	6,528	12,216	4,636	1,399	10,108	6,803	12,872	3,868	1,332	9,240	7,207
Private Sector	23,418	11,693	66	11,046	9,394	24,708	11,783	49	10,932	6,624	20,947	6,730	53	4,630	4,237
Delhi	15,121	6,493	33	3,443	6,604	16,073	6,453	21	3,404	3,785	16,104	4,604	40	2,819	3,849
Gujarat	3,631	2,207	7	5,033	233	3,752	2,222	5	4,892	237	-	-	-	-	-
Maharashtra	4,209	2,932	-	849	2,179	4,288	3,023	-	785	2,232	4,254	2,093	0	809	13
Uttar Pradesh	452	34	26	1,002	336	586	38	22	1,078	357	588	34	13	1,002	375
West Bengal	6	26	-	719	42	10	48	-	773	14	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	277,132	92,397	216,135	293,330	112,001	298,571	106,711	208,961	287,119	109,094	289,065	74,549	215,959	230,745	96,344
Source: PFC Report on Performance of Power Utilities															

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