

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2044
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022**

BENEFICIARIES COVERED UNDER SAUBHAGYA

2044. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries who have been provided with electrical access under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - Saubhagya in the State of Odisha, during the last three years and the current year, district-wise;**
- (b) the quantum of expenditure incurred there under during the said period in the State of Odisha;**
- (c) whether there is a significant lack of knowledge dissemination with respect to incentives provided under the said yojana and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government faces hurdles in providing last mile power availability especially in districts like Kandhamal; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government thereon?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (e) : The Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya in October, 2017 with the objective of achieving universal household electrification, by providing electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country including State of Odisha. Under the scheme, as on 31.03.2019, Odisha had reported 100% electrification of all the willing un-electrified households in both urban and rural areas including in Kandhawal district.

Specifically under Saubhagya, the state has reported electrification of a total of 9,57,509 household; the district wise breakup of which is enclosed as Annexure.

There was no upfront allocation of funds for any State/District under Saubhagya scheme since then closed as on 31.03.2022. Funds were released for sanctioned projects in installments based on the reported utilization of the amount

released in the previous installments and fulfillment of stipulated conditionalities. Year-wise details of funds disbursed to Odisha State under Saubhagya in the last three years is as under:

Rs in Crore

Sanctioned cost	Project Closure Cost	Grant released and utilized by Odisha State under Saubhagya Scheme				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total	Funds Utilized
525	430	-	-	52	52	51

Under the scheme, campaign for mass awareness were launched in the form of movement of special vehicle namely Saubhagya Rath across Districts, door to door campaign, publication in Print and Electronic Media, Organisation of camps in villages / cluster of villages were organized for on-the-spot registration and release of connections. Even after saturation of particular district/village special camps and Saubhagya Raths were planned in areas to ensure electricity connection to each and every willing un-electrified household. In addition, a dedicated 24x7 toll free helplinenumber1800-121-5555 was set up to facilitate any left out un-electrified household under Saubhagya scheme.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2044 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2022**

District wise details of households electrified under Saubhagya Scheme in Odisha (as per closure)		
Sl. No.	District	No of Households electrified
1	Anugul	29252
2	Balangir	89642
3	Baleshwar	49072
4	Bargarh	19391
5	Baudh	12318
6	Bhadrak	17705
7	Cuttack	25422
8	Debagarh	2967
9	Dhenkanal	37991
10	Gajapati	16831
11	Ganjam	47831
12	Jagatsinghapur	19064
13	Jajapur	38368
14	Jharsuguda	16968
15	Kalahandi	45558
16	Kandhamal	34401
17	Kendrapara	23195
18	Kendujhar	24689
19	Khordha	50064
20	Koraput	63182
21	Malkangiri	14964
22	Mayurbhanj	33724
23	Nabarangapur	76207
24	Nayagarh	30148
25	Nuapada	9514
26	Puri	21644
27	Rayagada	36274
28	Sambalpur	31034
29	Subarnapur	4351
30	Sundargarh	35738
	District Total	957509
