

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2927
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024**

**ELECTRIFICATION OF PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUPS
HOUSEHOLDS**

**2927. SHRI TAPIR GAO:
DR. RAJESH MISHRA:**

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

- (a) the number of households so far belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) located in remote and far flung areas provided with electricity connections;**
- (b) the impact of electrification on the lives of general public and the opportunities it offers; and**
- (c) the measures taken/being taken to overcome the obstacles in supplying electricity to PVTGs residing in the forest areas?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) : Under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), Government of India is supporting States for grid electrification of all identified households belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) under PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) as per the scheme guidelines. Works amounting to Rs. 516 Cr. have been sanctioned for electrification of 1,29,269 left out PVTG households (State wise details enclosed as Annexure-I). Till date, 91,194 PVTG households have been electrified under PM-JANMAN. Further, under New Solar Power Scheme, works worth Rs. 49 Cr. have been sanctioned for off-grid solar based electrification for 9,863 PVTG households (State wise details enclosed as Annexure-II).

(b) : Electrification has a significant impact on the general population in several ways. Electrification of households particularly those in remote and tribal areas has positive impact on business and employment opportunities, educational achievements and agricultural production. Further, electrification of villages including remote areas contributes towards increase in per capita consumption of a State, signifying improved living standards.

(c) : Government of India is taking all necessary steps to support States for electrification of all PVTG households. Since most of the left-out areas were in remote, hilly and forest areas, hence the norms for electrification under RDSS were relaxed and the ceiling limit for cost of electrification was enhanced. Intensive survey has been carried out by distribution utilities to identify unelectrified PVTG households and electrification works have been sanctioned in mission mode under RDSS for these households. Grid based electrification works have been sanctioned under RDSS wherever found feasible as per the revised norms and for remaining areas off-grid solar based electrification works have been sanctioned. Further, for the sanctioned works, regular monitoring is being done so as to resolve issues, if any, and expedite the implementation.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2927 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2024**

PVTG household electrification under RDSS

S. No.	Name of the States	Sanctioned Outlay (Rs. Crores)	No. of households Sanctioned	No. of households electrified till date
Sanctioned under RDSS				
1	Andhra Pradesh	89	25,054	24,327
2	Bihar	0.28	51	0
3	Chhattisgarh	38	7,077	4,323
4	Jharkhand	74	12,442	62
5	Madhya Pradesh	143	29,290	9,445
6	Maharashtra	27	8,556	9,216
7	Rajasthan	40	17,633	15,667
8	Karnataka	4	1,615	921
9	Kerala	1	345	309
10	Tamil Nadu	30	10,673	4,851
11	Telangana	7	3,884	3,884
12	Tripura	62	11,664	6,001
13	Uttarakhand	1	669	669
14	Uttar Pradesh	1	316	195
	Sub Total	516	1,29,269	79,870
Under State Plan				
1	Gujarat	0	0	6,626
2	Odisha	0	0	1,326
3	West Bengal	0	0	3,372
	Sub Total	0	0	11,324
	Total	516	1,29,269	91,194

ANNEXURE-II

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION
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**Off-grid solar based household electrification sanctioned under New Solar
Power Scheme**

Sl. No.	Name of the States	No. of households
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,675
2	Chhattisgarh	1,578
3	Jharkhand	2,342
4	Karnataka	179
5	Madhya Pradesh	2,060
6	Telangana	326
7	Tripura	1,703
Total		9,863
