

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2958  
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024**

**INSTALLATION OF SMART METERS IN TRIPURA**

**2958. SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:**

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

- (a) the funds approved by the Union Government for installation of smart meters in Tripura;**
- (b) whether there is a proposal to recharge electricity facility in future on the lines of mobile phones; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**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), project worth Rs 319 Cr with a Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs 80 Cr have been sanctioned for installation of meters as detailed below:**

- i. Smart pre-paid consumer meter: 4,47,489**
- ii. Pre-paid consumer meter in rural areas having communication issues: 1,00,000**
- iii. Smart Distribution Transformer meter: 14,908**
- iv. Smart feeder meter: 473**

**(b) & (c) : Under RDSS, consumer meter roll out is planned in prepayment mode on the lines similar to the prepaid recharge facility being offered in mobile phones usage. Like mobile phones, smart meter provides several benefits to**

**consumers which enhances the experience of electricity usage as illustrated below:**

- i. Prepaid feature helps consumers to**
  - Pay for electricity as per usage through advance recharges.**
  - Allows for budgeting of usage through small recharges.**
- ii. Helps in tracking of consumption of electricity.**
- iii. Rebate on electricity bills provided to prepaid smart meter consumer.**
- iv. Increases accuracy of meter reading by eliminating errors associated with manual meter reading.**
- v. Smart app features help in understanding consumption pattern.**
- vi. Facilitates net-metering for roof-top solar installation.**

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