

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3919
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PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY IN VILLAGES

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to provide 24 hours electricity in villages instead of 18 hours on the lines of urban areas keeping in view huge improvement in electricity production in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c) : Government of India has supplemented the efforts of the States through schemes like Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) and the ongoing Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), to help them achieve the objective of providing quality and reliable supply of power to all households in rural and urban areas.

As per Rule (10) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, the distribution licensee shall supply 24x7 power to all consumers. However, the Commission may specify lower hours of supply for some categories of consumers like agriculture. The Rules are applicable for all States and for all areas including urban and rural areas.

Government of India has taken following initiatives to help States to achieve uninterrupted power supply:

(i) 2,22,500 MW of generation capacity have been added since 2014 transforming our country from power deficit to power sufficient. The generation capacity was 4,54,452 MW in October 2024.

(ii) 1,98,970 circuit kilometer (ckm) of transmission lines, 7,53,799 MVA of Transformation capacity and 82,790 MW of Inter-Regional capacity has been added since 2014 with capability of transferring 1,18,740 MW from one corner of the country to another.

(iii) In the distribution sector, projects worth ₹1.85 lakh Cr. were executed under schemes of DDUGJY, SAUBHAGYA and IPDS wherein 2,927 new sub-stations were added, 3,965 existing sub-stations were upgraded, 6,92,200 Distribution Transformers were installed, Feeder separation of 7,833 mixed load feeders was executed and 8.5 Lakh cKm of HT and LT lines have been added/ upgraded.

Further, under RDSS, distribution infrastructure works worth Rs. 2.77 lakh crore have been sanctioned which would supplement the efforts of utilities in providing quality and reliable supply of power.
