

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3291
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025**

STATUS OF ELECTRIFICATION IN THE TRIBAL HAMLETS OF WEST BENGAL

3291. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

- (a) the current status of electrification in the tribal hamlets of West Bengal, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for the electrification of tribal areas in the State of West Bengal during the last five years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken to expedite the electrification process in the tribal regions of West Bengal?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c) : Government of India (GoI) has supplemented the efforts of the States through schemes like Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA), to help them achieve the objective of providing quality and reliable power supply. As reported by the States, all the inhabited un-electrified census villages in the country were electrified by 28th April, 2018. A total of 22 villages in the State of West Bengal were electrified during DDUGJY. Moreover, under SAUBHAGYA, electrification of all willing households was completed by 31st March, 2019. As reported by the State of West Bengal, a total of 7,32,290 households were electrified during SAUBHAGYA period. Both the schemes stand closed as on 31.03.2022.

Government of India is further supporting States for grid electrification of left-out households during SAUBHAGYA, under the ongoing scheme of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), launched in July, 2021. In addition, all households belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) identified under PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) and tribal households under DA-JGUA (Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan) are being sanctioned for on-grid electricity connection under RDSS as per the scheme guidelines. As reported by the State, a total of 3,372 nos. of tribal households identified under PM-JANMAN have been electrified, through the State Plan.

The funds released to the State of West Bengal for electrification works under various GoI Schemes i.e., Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP), IPDS, DDUGJY, SAUBHAGYA, and RDSS, during the last 5 years is as below:

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	Total
Funds released (in Rs. Cr.)	594	631	73	221	601	2,120
