

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5473
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2025
DDUGJY IN UTTARAKHAND**

†5473. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation of the performance of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in Uttarakhand;**
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof;**
- (c) the number of villages electrified and to be electrified across the State during the last three years and the current year;**
- (d) whether any special steps have been taken by the Government to electrify the remaining villages; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

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) launched Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in year 2014. As reported by the States, all the inhabited un-electrified census villages in the country were electrified by 28th April, 2018. A total of 18,374 villages at the National level, including 91 villages in the state of Uttarakhand, were electrified under DDUGJY. Further, under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) all willing household in rural areas and all willing poor households in urban areas were electrified of which 2,48,751 households were electrified in the State of Uttarakhand.

The impact assessment study of DDUGJY had been conducted by the M/S Ernst & Young LLP in 2022 at pan India level which highlighted 100% of villages and consumers covered under the study have reported improvement in electricity supply hours. The study mentions that many DISCOMs have reduced distribution losses owing to the revamped infrastructure. Improvements in billing efficiency and ACS-ARR gap, critical indicators of DISCOMs operational & financial performance, have also shown an improvement post-DDUGJY. However, it is pertinent to mention that, as highlighted in the report, during the implementation of the DDUGJY, DISCOMs undertook developmental works in the supply areas under other schemes as well which may also have contributed to improvement in various parameters.

Further, the study also highlighted significant positive effect that the scheme had on business growth, education, health care, community safety and banking.

The study mentions following in respect of the State of Uttarakhand:

i. Hours of electricity supply increased to 23 hours in 2022 in comparison to 18 hours in 2015.

ii. 33% growth was observed in income between 2015 & 2022.

(d) & (e) : Government of India (GoI) launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in July 2021 with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of power supply to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient distribution Sector.

Grid based electrification works have also been sanctioned, wherever found feasible, under RDSS for households left out during SAUBHAGYA. Till date, works amounting to Rs. 4,643 Cr. have been sanctioned for grid electrification of 10,19,030 households. For the State of Uttarakhand, projects worth Rs 14.59 Cr. have been sanctioned for electrification works of 2049 households.
