GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.594 ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

SAUBHAGYA YOJANA

†594. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of providing electricity connections to houses under 'Saubhagya Yojana' in the country particularly in Jharkhand; and

(b) whether the Government is running any special project to improve electricity supply across the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a): Government of India (Gol) launched the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) in October, 2017 with the objective of providing electricity connections to all willing un-electrified households in rural areas and all willing poor households in urban areas in the country. All works sanctioned under SAUBHAGYA have been successfully completed and the scheme stands closed as on 31.03.2022.

As reported by the States, around 2.86 Cr. households, including 17,30,708 nos. of households in the State of Jharkhand, have been electrified during the SAUBHAGYA period.

(b): Gol launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in July 2021 to improve the operational efficiency and financial sustainability of the Distribution Sector. Under the scheme, projects worth Rs. 2.78 lakh Cr. have been sanctioned which includes loss reduction infrastructure and smart metering works. Gol is further supporting States for on-grid electrification of left-out households during SAUBHAGYA under RDSS as per the scheme guidelines. Till date, based on survey done by distribution utilities, works amounting to Rs. 4,538 Cr. have been sanctioned for grid electrification of 9,97,680 households. This includes grid electrification works for households belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) identified under PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) and tribal households as well as public places identified under DA-JGUA (Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan).

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