GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4794 ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO HIMACHAL PRADESH UNDER RDSS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) has been launched by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of budget allocated to Himachal Pradesh under the said scheme;
- (c) the works for which the budget has been sanctioned; and
- (d) the details of works completed so far in Himachal Pradesh under the scheme as well as those yet to be completed?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a): Government of India 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 in the country. The scheme has an outlay of Rs.3,03,758 Crore with an estimated Central grant of Rs. 97,631 Crore. The scheme aims to reduce the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses to pan-India levels of 12-15% and the Average Cost of Supply and Average Revenue Realized (ACS-ARR) Gap to zero. Under the scheme, financial assistance is being provided to the distribution utilities for distribution infrastructure & smart metering works. Under RDSS, infrastructure projects, including smart metering works, amounting to 2.83 lakh Cr have been sanctioned till date.

(b) & (c): For the State of Himachal Pradesh, distribution infrastructure works amounting to Rs. 4,116 Cr have been sanctioned. Work-wise details are as under:

Details	Sanctioned Cost (Rs Cr)	Central grant (Rs Cr)
Smart Metering works	1,788	466
Loss Reduction works	1,958	1,763
Infrastructure works under Vibrant Village Program	6	5
Infrastructure works for northern border area	362	326
Household electrification works under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)	0.53	0.48
Total	4,116	2,561

(d): Till date ~16% of the sanctioned smart metering works and ~2% of the sanctioned infrastructure works have been completed in the State of Himachal Pradesh. It is expected that the remaining sanctioned works will be completed by the end of the scheme period i.e. 31.03.2028.
