

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2150
ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026**

FREQUENT POWER OUTAGES IN RURAL AND TRIBAL AREAS OF BARDOLI

†2150. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems of frequent power outages, low voltage, transformer failures and prolonged repair periods being faced in the rural and tribal areas of the Bardoli Lok Sabha Constituency in Gujarat;**
- (b) if so, the number of complaints received during the last three years and the status of their redressal;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the remote and tribal villages of Bardoli, including deployment of additional transformers, feeder segregation, underground cabling or solar energy-based alternative arrangements; and**
- (d) if so, the action plan thereof along with the prescribed timelines?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b) : Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity to consumers is within the purview of the respective State Government/ distribution utility. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through various schemes to help them achieve the objective of providing quality and reliable supply of power to all consumers.

Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd. (DGVCL) has submitted that it is responsible for supply of power to more than 6 lakh consumers in Bardoli Lok Sabha constituency. Over the period of last three years i.e. during FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26 (upto January, 2026), a total of 1,03,747 complaints related to power supply interruptions, voltage fluctuation, and transformer failures etc. have been received and no complaint is pending.

(c) & (d) : The Government of India launched Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the year 2021 with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of supply of power to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient distribution sector. Projects worth Rs 2.83 lakh Crore have been sanctioned under RDSS scheme which include infrastructure works (including smart metering) amounting to Rs. 16,712 Crore for the state of Gujarat (including Rs. 4,153 Crore for DGVCL). Of this, Rs. 555 crore have been sanctioned for works (including smart metering) in Bardoli constituency i.e. Surat and Tapi district.

Further, DGVCL has also prepared an action plan for the Bardoli Lok Sabha constituency under various schemes of Government of Gujarat viz. System Improvement (SI), Robust-SI, Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana-2 (VKY-2), Kisan Suryoday Yojana (KSY), and Sardar Krushi Jyoti Yojana (SKJY) with a total cost of Rs. 316 crore. The timeline for completion of works under all these schemes is FY 2025-26 except for Robust-SI for which the timeline is FY 2026-27. These works include:

- **Deployment of additional and higher-capacity distribution transformers to address overloading and improve voltage profile.**
- **Strengthening and segregation of agricultural and non-agricultural feeders to ensure reliable power supply and reduce interruptions.**
- **Network strengthening through replacement of deteriorated conductors, erection of new poles, and conservation of HT overhead network into underground cable.**
- **Promotion of rooftop and distributed solar energy systems under applicable Government policies to supplement grid power, particularly in remote and difficult-to-access locations.**
