# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.745 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2015

#### **ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES-FUND DDUGJY**

# †745. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the time period fixed for the total electrification in the country;
- (b) the funds allocated to increase the supply of power and to strengthen the distribution system under Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana during the current financial year;
- (c) whether Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited of various States specially of Rajasthan is reeling under the burden of loan; and
- (d) if so, the strategy being formulated by the Government to bail out each public sector undertakings along with the details thereof?

#### ANSWER

# THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

### (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a): All the Un-electrified villages are to be electrified by 1st May, 2018.
- (b): For the financial year 2015-16, the budgetary allocation under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana is Rs. 4500 Crore.
- (c): Yes, Madam. Several Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) of various states, including Rajasthan have large outstanding debts.
- (d): Ministry of Power has launched a Scheme UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana) for improving operational and financial efficiency of DISCOMs. The scheme envisages reduction in interest burden, reduction in cost of power and improvement of operational efficiency. The mechanism includes taking over of Discoms debt by the respective States and measures to prevent future slippages.

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