

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1552
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022**

ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS IN ASSAM

1552. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that a large number of villages in Assam including villages of Dhubri, Goalpara, South Salmara and Mankachar districts of Assam are still deprived of electricity connections and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to reach out to these villages with facility of electricity;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to provide electricity in all the villages of Assam; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c): Government of India launched the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in December, 2014 for rural electrification works across the country. 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 were electrified under the scheme. Under DDUGJY and thereafter under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya), the electrification of all villages and all willing Households was completed by 31st March, 2019 as reported by all State Governments.

A total of 2.86 crore Households were electrified under the aegis of Saubhagya including additional households in two tranches that were unwilling for electrification earlier but became willing later. Details of households electrified under DDUGJY (RE & Addl Infra) and Saubhagya in Dhubri, Goalpara, South Salmara and Mankachar districts of Assam are as under:

Sl. No.	Scheme	Dhubri	South Salmara and Mankachar	Goalpara	Grand total
1	DDUGJY(RE)*		101826	60279	162105
2	DDUGJY*		22848	285	23133
3	Saubhagya*		114338	81928	196266
4	Addl HHs sanctioned under DDUGJY	21463	278	8692	30433
	Total		260753	151184	411937

*South Salmara-Mankachar was earlier a sub-division of the Dhubri District.

(d) & (e) : Fresh construction of new households is a continuous process and electrification of such households is to be taken care of by the Distribution Utilities. The Government of India is committed to extend financial assistance to the States to electrify any remaining households which existed at the time of launch of Saubhagya. Guidelines provide for their electrification under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). In this regard, the States may pose any request for electrification of additional houses which existed at the time of launch of Saubhagya but were missed out for electrification under these provisions.
