

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3721
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023**

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY IN TRIBAL DOMINATED RURAL AREAS

†3721. SHRIMATI HIMADRI SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of efforts being made by the Government to meet the demand of electricity in tribal dominated rural areas;**
- (b) the details of various projects being run by the Government to ensure supply of electricity in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;**
- (c) the details of efforts being made by the Government to ensure the supply of electricity in remote hilly areas;**
- (d) whether any new project to provide electricity in Shahdol Parliamentary Constituency is under consideration; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : It is the prime responsibility of the respective distribution utility to take necessary measures to provide adequate power supply to all consumers including tribal dominated rural areas. Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the States by providing funding to the States under various schemes launched from time to time.

(b) to (e) : Government of India launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in December, 2014 for strengthening the distribution systems and electrification of villages across the country including Madhya Pradesh. All the inhabited un-electrified villages including villages in Madhya Pradesh as per Census, 2011 were electrified by 28.04.2018 across the country under DDUGJY. Under DDUGJY, a total of 18374 villages were electrified across the country including 422 villages in MP. This Scheme was closed on 31.03.2022.

Further, Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – SAUBHAGYA in October 2017 with the objective to achieve universal household electrification by providing electricity connections to all willing un-electrified households in rural areas and all willing poor households in urban areas in the country. As on 31.03.2022, 100% electrification of all the willing un-electrified households, identified before 31.03.2019 has been completed including hilly areas. A total 2.86 crore households have been electrified under SAUBHAGYA, & DDUGJY (new) Schemes as on 31.03.2022.

A total of 19,84,264 households were electrified in Madhya Pradesh, till 31.03.2022. The SAUBHAGYA Scheme was closed on 31.03.2022.

Further, under SAUBHAGYA Scheme, there was a provision of providing electricity connections through Solar roof top for households located in remote areas. Under SAUBHAGYA and DDUGJY (New), a total 4,70,415 households have been electrified through installation of Solar Energy system in remote areas.

Recently, Government of India launched a new 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 including Madhya Pradesh. This Scheme has an outlay of Rs. 3,03,758 crore and an estimated GBS of Rs.97,631 crore from the Central Government.

Under this Scheme, Financial assistance is available to the eligible Discoms i.e. all DISCOMs/Power Departments (excluding Private Sector DISCOMs) for upgradation of distribution infrastructure measures for reduction of losses and theft by use of ABC cable/UG cable/HVDS, etc., system modernization including SCADA, communicable system metering and smart pre-paid metering for 25 crore consumers etc.
