

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.358  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018**

**ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES**

**358. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:**

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

- (a) whether latest data as per the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and the Saubhagya scheme shows the inconsistencies in the number of rural households in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the deadline for electrifying all villages was extended to May 2018, after missing the May 2017 target; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of rural households with electricity?

**A N S W E R**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER AND  
NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**( SHRI R. K. SINGH )**

(a): A web portal for Saubhagya scheme has been deployed for monitoring progress of un-electrified households. The data of households & progress are updated in the Saubhagya Portal directly by the concerned State DISCOMs for information of all the stakeholders and dissemination in public domain. Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) includes electrification of villages and BPL households and Saubhagya relates electrification of all un-electrified households which is a different set of data.

(b) & (c): Hon'ble Prime Minister in his Independence Day address to the nation on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 made the commitment that all remaining un-electrified villages in the country would be electrified within one thousand days i.e. by 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018. All the un-electrified inhabited census villages have been electrified on 28.04.2018 i.e. ahead of the deadline.

As regard to households electrification, as per Census 2011, there were 16.78 crore rural households in the country and 9.28 crore (55%) rural households were electrified. Based on latest information provided by the States on Saubhagya portal, there are 17.73 crore rural households in the country, of these 15.22 crore (85.84%) households are electrified as on 11.07.2018.

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