

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2978
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021**

FREE ELECTRICITY FOR BPL FAMILIES

2978. SHRI TOPON KUMAR GOGOI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any provision for the BPL families to get free electric connection for those who were left in the previous scheme of 'Electricity for Everyone'; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government in this regard?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Electricity is a concurrent subject and providing free power or subsidy or concession to any category of consumers including industrial consumers is within the purview of the State Government as per Section 65 of Electricity Act, 2003.

However, Government of India launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in December, 2014 for various rural electrification works. Under the scheme free electricity connections were provided to all the BPL households in rural areas. State-wise details are at Annexure-I

Subsequently, Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya in October, 2017 to achieve universal household electrification by providing free electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and the remaining un-electrified households of economically poor in urban areas across the country.

Under Saubhagya scheme, as on 31.03.2021 all the States have reported 100% electrification of all the willing un-electrified households including BPL families, identified before 31.03.2019. Total 2.817 crore households have been electrified since the launch of Saubhagya, up to 31.03.2021. State-wise details are at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2978 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 05.08.2021**

State-wise details of free electricity connection to BPL Households under DDUGJY

Sl. No.	State	Cumulative achievement as on 31.03.2019
1	Andhra Pradesh	729553
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8291
3	Assam	782370
4	Bihar	3385597
5	Chhattisgarh	163551
6	Gujarat	5060
7	Haryana	5419
8	Himachal Pradesh	43
9	J&K	53666
10	Jharkhand	675174
11	Karnataka	369626
12	Kerala	136193
13	Madhya Pradesh	1047133
14	Maharashtra	386498
15	Manipur	48799
16	Meghalaya	2639
17	Mizoram	1915
18	Nagaland	60701
19	Odisha	1629495
20	Punjab	
21	Rajasthan	410604
22	Sikkim	5271
23	Tamil Nadu	23496
24	Telangana	539306
25	Tripura	82019
26	Uttar Pradesh	2127011
27	Uttarakhand	7251
28	West Bengal	81939
29	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	
30	Puducherry	
Total		12768620

ANNEXURE-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2978 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 05.08.2021**

State-wise details of electrification of households since launch of Saubhagya including BPL Households

Sl. No.	Name of the States	No. of Households electrified from 11.10.2017 to 31.03.2019	No. of Households electrified from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2021	Total HHs electrified as on 31.03.2021
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,81,930		1,81,930
2	Arunachal Pradesh	47,089		47,089
3	Assam	17,45,149	2,00,000	19,45,149
4	Bihar	32,59,041		32,59,041
5	Chhattisgarh	7,49,397	40,394	7,89,791
6	Gujarat	41,317		41,317
7	Haryana	54,681		54,681
8	Himachal Pradesh	12,891		12,891
9	Jammu & Kashmir	3,77,045		3,77,045
10	Jharkhand	15,30,708	2,00,000	17,30,708
11	Karnataka	3,56,974	26,824	3,83,798
12	Ladakh	10,456		10,456
13	Madhya Pradesh	19,84,264		19,84,264
14	Maharashtra	15,17,922		15,17,922
15	Manipur	1,02,748	5,367	1,08,115
16	Meghalaya	1,99,839		1,99,839
17	Mizoram	27,970		27,970
18	Nagaland	1,32,507		1,32,507
19	Odisha	24,52,444		24,52,444
20	Puducherry	912		912
21	Punjab	3,477		3,477
22	Rajasthan	18,62,736	2,12,786	20,75,522
23	Sikkim	14,900		14,900
24	Tamil Nadu	2,170		2,170
25	Telangana	5,15,084		5,15,084
26	Tripura	1,39,090		1,39,090
27	Uttar Pradesh	79,80,568	12,00,003	91,80,571
28	Uttarakhand	2,48,751		2,48,751
29	West Bengal	7,32,290		7,32,290
	Total	2,62,84,350	18,85,374	2,81,69,724
