

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.310  
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022**

**ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS UNDER SAUBHAGYA**

**\*310. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:**

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

- (a) the total numbers of households who have been provided electricity connections under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana- (Saubhagya) in West Bengal, district-wise;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the pace of implementation of Saubhagya in the rural areas of West Bengal; and**
- (c) the time by which the Government proposes to provide electricity connections to all rural households in West Bengal?**

**A N S W E R**

**THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY**

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

**(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.310 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2022 REGARDING ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS UNDER SAUBHAGYA**

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**(a) to (c) : 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. A total of 7,32,290 households were electrified in West Bengal since the launch of Saubhagya. The State of West Bengal has reported that 100% rural electrification has been completed in the State. District-wise details of households electrified in the State of West Bengal are at Annexure.**

**The Steps taken by the Government to increase the pace of implementation of Saubhagya including in West Bengal are as under:**

- i. Launching of Saubhagya Strategy Formulation workshops in the States to give impetus to quick start the programme.**
- ii. Establishing camps in villages/ cluster of villages wherein public representatives (MLAs, MPs, Gram Pradhans) for creating awareness amongst public at large and for on spot registration.**
- iii. Infrastructure Support-Additional Infrastructure of Rs.14,270 Crore for electrification of households under Saubhagya, adequate funding provided to the States by Government of India.**
- iv. Communication plan, 24\*7 ‘One nation One number’-toll-free helplines 1912, 1800-121-5555, special campaign ‘Saubhagya Rath’ for creating awareness and all media options viz. print media, radio, television, social media (Facebook, twitter etc.).**
- v. Flexibility to States in mode of implementation (Departmental/ Turnkey/ Semi-turnkey).**
- vi. A comprehensive Web portal ‘*saubhagya.gov.in*’ was developed and DISCOMs were provided access for updating of progress on the portal for day-to-day monitoring.**
- vii. Coordination with Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers’ Association (IEEMA) to ensure speedy supply for completion of targets.**
- viii. To facilitate availability of adequate skilled manpower with requisite skill, coordination with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for training the workforce.**
- ix. More than 350 Engineers viz. Gram Vidyut Abhiyantas (GVAs) were deployed in monitoring and the expeditious implementation of projects.**
- x. Helicopters and support from the Indian Railways were instrumental in transporting the essential goods to the unexplored geographies.**
- xi. Monitoring & Reviews at all levels of the Government with the States and Distribution utilities.**

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**ANNEXURE****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STATEMENT LAID IN  
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**District-wise details of households electrified in West Bengal under Saubhagya**

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of households electrified</b>
<b>Bankura</b>	<b>24415</b>
<b>Bardhaman</b>	<b>65767</b>
<b>Birbhum</b>	<b>36859</b>
<b>Cooch Behar</b>	<b>35043</b>
<b>Dakhshin Dinajpur</b>	<b>6828</b>
<b>Darjiling</b>	<b>10434</b>
<b>Hooghly</b>	<b>41692</b>
<b>Howrah</b>	<b>27827</b>
<b>Jalpaiguri</b>	<b>17130</b>
<b>Maldah</b>	<b>32871</b>
<b>Murshidabad</b>	<b>54433</b>
<b>Nadia</b>	<b>51631</b>
<b>North 24 Parganas</b>	<b>61078</b>
<b>Paschim Medinipur</b>	<b>21901</b>
<b>Purba Medinipur</b>	<b>33407</b>
<b>Purulia</b>	<b>52234</b>
<b>South 24 Parganas</b>	<b>144401</b>
<b>Uttar Dinajpur</b>	<b>14339</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,32,290</b>

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